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Building at Har Homa begins

PM considers additional 1,000 homes for Palestinians near site

nearby site.

By DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

Amid a chorus of condemnation from the international community, construction finally began on Har Homa yesterday afternoon." In a statement to Palestine

Radio, Arafat called on Palestinians not to commit violent



acts and not to be dragged into them by Israel.

Nevertheless, abont 50 Palestinian youths hurled stones from Umm Tuba at the edge of the site, Reuters reported. They also burned tires and blocked a road. A handful of youths also scuffled with troops at another

Palestinians," said Palestinian Prime Minister Bioyamin Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurie. "We don't want all Netanyahu said last night that the governmeot would consider buildthis way of bluffing."

None of the concessions offered or being considered by Netanyahu are coosidered serious, since opening the airport, seaport, and a free passage route between Gaza and the West Bank are guaranteed under terms of the interim agree-

Talks on interim issues will continue because they deal with issues that should have already been resolved, but final-status talks bave been shelved, Palestinian sources said,

When asked last night what the message of Har Homa was to Palestinians, a senior US diplomat said, "Israel's message of Har Homa for Palestinians is: 'Screw you.

He said there is no US diplomatic initiative afoot to resolve the crisis. There were Palestinian calls last night for another meeting of the UN Security Council. The US recently vetoed a resolution condemning Israel for the planned



Border policemen protect construction equipment on Har Homa yesterday.

array belicopters circling overhead, was deployed throughout the area and on the roads leading to the site, as police and the IDF were on full alert for any distur-

bances by protesting Palestinians. Bethlehem and Hebron were declared closed military areas. joint Israeli-Palestinian paurols were temporarily suspended, and

Joseph's Tomb in Nablus was closed. All police leaves in Jerusalem were canceled, "From Radio Palestine and our

intelligence sources, the response

(Brian Hendler)

so far has been moderate," said Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzbaki.

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called Har Homa 2. In an interview with Channel 2 last night, Netanyahu said he had discussed this idea with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

US concerned over

violence, Page 2

There is a nearby hilltop which we call Har Homa 2, which was expropriated from private Arab hands. We are considering turning this into an Arab neighborhood,

Netanyahu said. A few weeks ago, Netanyahu's announcement that Israel would permit 3,015 Palestinian homes to be built was met with massive derision by Palestinians, who insisted that he was not sincere. "We don't need houses for

ing an additional 1,000 homes for Palestinians on a hilltop adjacent to Har Homa, which some have

Har Homa constructioo. Massive security, including

A great media spectacle

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Never before have bulldozers and steam shovels performed before such a large and cager aodience as that which was waiting for them at Har Homa yesterday afternoon.

A coople of thousand people were there, including members of re media, soldiers, police, order Police, MKs, and just prain gawkers.

But if they thought they were coming to see some kind of showdown, a demonstration, or violence, they were at the wrong spot. The hoge security detail was prepared for any eventuality.

While rocks were thrown and tires burned in Bethlehem, here all the action took place on the treads. From every angle, from close-up to wide-angle, every pirouette performed by the constructioo equipment was photographed for history.".

It was a perfect media event, and cynics could argue it was so staged by the government: a photo opportunity for TV cameras to get their pictures on the first day of the long-awaited event and then move on, allowing for the serious work to get started today. One Swedish TV crew, for example, had flown in Saturday night just to record this. It was replacing the regularly stationed crew that had recently gone to another bot spot -Albania.

The performance began at 2 p.m., when the four bulldozers and steam shovels set off from Kibbutz Ramat Rahel atop flatbed trucks to get to the theater in time for their 2:30 performance. After a morning of heavy rain, the skieshad turned partly cloudy, and though cold and blustery, it was not enough to deter the multitude that came for the show.

On the way, the convoy - the flatbeds escorted by a dozen IDF and police vehicles - passed

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Hanegbi questioned again over Bar-On

By RAINE MARCUS

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi was questioned under caution in his Tel Aviv office yesterday for more than 15 hours regarding his role in the Bar-On Affair. He will probably be the last person questioned in the

two-month long probe. It was decided to question

Hanegbi in Tel Aviv after much deliberation between police and his lawyer, Uri Wagman. This is the third time police questioned Hanegbi, who denies all allegations of wrongdoing and has maintained that he was marked by the Prime Minister's Office to be the

scapegoat in the affair. Police concentrated ÓД Hanegbi's statements to government ministers about the ostensi-

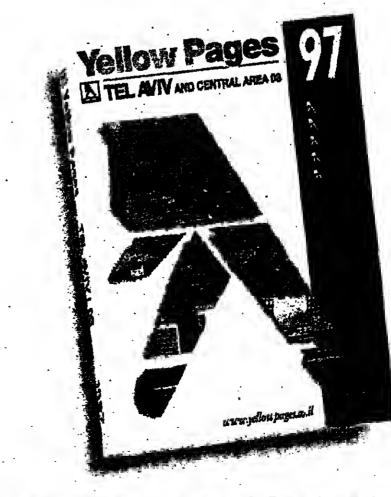
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HAR HOMA

Wednesday, March 19, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

Kahalani: We're ready for any flare-up

By LIAT COLLINS

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani was called from the cabinet meeting on Har Homa yesterday morning to address a subcommittee of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on the subject.

"I think it would be a mistake to give

in to threats," Kahalani told parliamentary reporters. "We've beeo aware of the threats for a long time. We're prepared for any flare-up, and our response will be quick and hard wherever necessary." Asked about the reports that Yasser

Arafat is not restraining Harnas and other groups threatening a violent reac-

the reports are true, "[Arafat] is making an historic mistake from his point of view."

Kahalani said he believes Arafat might be trying to deliberately torpedo the peace process hy allowing Hamas and Islamic Jihad to act against Israel. He said he knew of no attempts to formulate

allow the building to go ahead unhindered in return for giving the Palestinians certain other concessions, despite reports to that effect.

He called for restraint and said people must understand "that Jerusalem is our capital and we will build there. I expect restraint from both sides for the sake of

tion to the construction. Kahalani said if a "package deal" with the Palestinians to the peace process which is good for both

peoples." Kabalani said the security establish-ment is "more cautious" following the disturbances that followed the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit last September. "We have thought of all the possibilities and are ready to deal with them," he said.

He said the security establishment-gives its assessments to the decision. makers in the government but does not give an opinion on whether the work should or should not go ahead. Batsheva Tsur adds: The High Court of Justice is due today

to hear three petitions against the building at Har Homa.

Foreign Ministry tries to counteract PA accusations

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

As the Palestinians continue to charge that Israel is violating the Oslo Accords with its construction plans for Har Homa - an allegation that Israel contests - the Foreign Ministry Legal Division is apparently seeking to regain the political offensive. It issued a paper to its almost 100 diplomatic missions abroad alleging that the Palestinian Authority has systematically violated the "Note for the Record" which was attached to the Hebron accord in January. The "Note for the Record" has

been a centerpiece of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's insistence that he has attained "reciprocity" from the Palestinians.

The Foreign Ministry paper states, "for its part, the Palestinian Council undertook to complete the process of revising the Palestinian Charter, to take strengthened measures to fight terrorism and prevent violence - including the transfer of suspects, confiscation of illegal firearms, and reduction of the size of the Palestinian police

to that permitted in the Interim Agreement, and to conduct Palestinian Council activity in the

areas of Palestinian jurisdiction and not in Jerusalem. "In respect of every one of these commitments, the Palestinian side has failed to demonstrate its intention or will to comply with its undertakings."

At the same time, the paper insists, "Israel undertook to implement the first phase of the further redeployment process, to release women prisoners who had not yet been released, and to reopen negotiations on a range of issues including safe passage. Dahaniya Airport, Gaza Port, etc. Israel has complied with its undertakings in all these aspects."

The Palesunians have complained that none of those issues under negotiation have been resolved, with the exception of clearance for PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's aircraft to and from Dahaniya, something which does not appear in the Note for the Record.

Below are some of the main allegations made in the 15-point

· "Recent months have seen a marked decline in the extent of Palestinian activity directed against terrorists. Not only has the Council ceased to arrest individuals suspected of terrorist activity ... hut it has continued to release members of terrorist groups, many of whom have been actively involved in the organization and perpetration of acts of terror."

 "Israel has to date submitted 19 transfer requests (relating to 23 individuals) to the Palestinian side and none have been complied with." "Over the last year, over 20

Hamas fighters involved in terrorist activity were recruited into the Palestinian forces." "The Hebron Protocol permits

a maximum of 400 policemen, some 1500 Palestinian police are operating, many of them armed with rifles which both in type and quantity violate the provisions of the Hebron Protocol."

• The PA has "only confiscated a token number of arms from among the tens of thousands of illegal weapons in the areas under its authority."



Bat Shalom and Peace Now supporters protest the Har Homa construction at the site yesterday.

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US concerned over violence

By HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday urged Israel and the Palestinian Authority to resume negotiations, saying violence is no answer to the dispute.

"We are obviously very concerned about the fact that violence is never an answer to the problems in the Middle East, and we would very much want to see a return to the table," she told reporters, at a White House briefing in advance of this week's Helsinki summit. between President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

"That is the only time that there has been progress in the Middle East, when the parties are actually talking to each other at the table. And that is the way we would like to see things proceed."

Albright added that "the Israelis understand

Arafat has given Hamas the go-ahead to conduct terrorist attacks, State Department spokesman Nicholas Bums said US officials "don't believe it to he true. And we will certainly expect that Chairman Arafat keeps his commitment to Israel and to the US that there will be no violence. We also expect that extremists on the Israeli side will not provoke

violence or resort to violence themselves." Condemnation of the start of construction at Har Homa came from throughout the interna-

tional community yesterday. "The start of construction at Har Homa outside Jerusalem can do nothing but harm the peace process," British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said in a statement. "Like all settlements, this one will be illegal, and it goes against the spirit of the Oslo agreement. I am disappointed that the Israeli government [has] taken this decision against the strong advice of

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette called the constructioo "an obstacle to peace" and warned against a resurgence of violence.

"I hope that violence will not start again in this part of the Middle East and I can only suggest to both sides to do all they can to avoid it." he said.

"France feels that the decision taken by the Israel government goes against the spirit and the letter of the Oslo Accords, as well as other accords hetweeo Israelis and Palestinians."

Jordan urged Israel to reverse its decision. We regard settlements as contradictory to international law and agreements signed between the Palestinians and Israel, as well as between Jordan and Israel," Information Minister Marwan Muasher told a press conference, following a cabinet meeting.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan expressed "disappointment and deep concern."

COMMENT Expect the unexpected

By HERB KEINON

The country, so it seems, loves to live with the feeling that all hell will break loose at any minute.

Not a completely unfounded sentiment, given that all hell does break loose here quite often. But it seems to happen when we least expect it, not when our eyes, and the eyes of the entire world, are focused on the possibility. Just three months ago the coun-

try - nay, the whole world - was preoccupied with Hebron. There were apocalyptic prognoses of what would happen when the IDF

Hebron." The uneventful, because of our expectations, became the event

Our eyes were glued on Hebron because we thought that, once the redeployment took place, trouble would soon follow. It didn't. Which is not to say it won't, only that it won't when we most expect

That Hebron did not provide the drama we expected was really not important, since another crisis was bound to pop np for this crisisaddicted country. And it has - Har Homa.

"another uneventful day in out how they feel waiting "on the brink," Faisal Husseini says the atmos-

phere smells oow the way it did before the intifada. I submit that it smells now the way it did before the Hebron redeployment. Good things, the saying goes; bappen when you least expect. them; they sneak up on you. As do bad things. The Western Wall Tunnel riots in September hit most of the couotry like a thunderclap, as did the helicopter disaster at Sbe'ar Yashuv and the-

Naharayim massacre. Crisis and disaster generally come from the blind side - difficult to prepare Never, it seems, has so much for, impossible to get the good camera angle on. Which is not to say that there? will oot he any trouble over Har. Homa. There very well may be. Just as there still may be trouble in Hebron. But it is unlikely to happen when, where, and how weexpect it. Not everything accom-. modates the cameras, or our thirst for drama.

not only concerning Jerusalem but

concerning our entire relation with

David Rudge adds: Israeli Arab leaders denounced

the start of construction. They reit-

erated concern that it might lead to

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the Arabs."

the difficulties that we see with their going forward" on Har Homa, but refused to comment directly on the project.

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area according to the map, the

surveyors determined the loca-

tions of the hypass road (being

built for security reasons), the

inner streets, and the sewage sys-

tem, and marked places where soil

"It looks like a nice, quiet area,"

After the surveying is complet-

ed, work will begin on building

the infrastructure. This includes

laying electric cables and water

pipes, and basic roadwork. Again,

depending on the number of work-

ers, this could be completed in two

The next stage is issuing tenders

for building contractors. Eilat said

it is not yet clear how many con-

tractors will be involved in the

"Then the actual huilding can

Eilat said it is difficult to predict

the time of completion because it

depends on how many people are

working and at what speed. But,

he said, the first homes could be

The first stage calls for the con-

struction of some 2,400 homes,

with another 4,000 to he huilt in

ready within 30 months.

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needs to he removed or added.

said Goldreich.

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begin," Eilat.

Using stakes and other markers,

stage that began yesterday.

their friends in the international community. "I urge the Palestinian leadership to continue

to do everything possible to avoid current ten-Asked about reports that PA Chairman Yasser sions leading to violence," he added.

"He calls on the parties to do their utmost to find mutually acceptable solutions and proceed with the peace negotiations," a statement issued through a UN spokesman said.

IDF closes Joseph's Tomb

Fearing an eruption of violence as bulldozers started work on Har Homa yesterday, the IDF ordered the closure of Joseph's Tomb in Nablus yesterday, demanding that students from the Od Yosef Chai yeshiva and all worshipers and visitors leave the site.

A spokesman for the IDF Central Command said the site would remain closed until further notice. Yeshiva director Eli Rosenfeld said that although the start of work on Har Homa is welcome, he is demanding that the government and security forces secure the area. "It is much more preferable to have Jews inside the compound than outside," he said.

Six soldiers were killed at Joseph's Tomb when fighting broke out after the Western Wall Tunnel exit was opened last September, and Margot Dudkevich much of the yeshiva was burned hy rioters.

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through the Talpiot neighborhood, where bystanders cheered upon bearing of their destination. As the entourage snaked its way

down the curving road to the intersection between Umm Tuba and Beit Sahur, dozens of cameras set up on tripods were preparing to greet it. Up the mountainside drove one bulldozer, and up followed the media. Off to the side, a steam shovel moved a few rocks with its jaws, and that, too, was recorded.

And so it went for two-and-ahalf hours, until the equipment was parked at the top of the hill for the night. Left behind was a

long scar of brown earth between the patches of green grass and rock.

A kilometer away, on a facing hill known as Givat Hatayarim in Beit Sahur, sat Palestinian and Peace Now protesters. There was nothing to see from

where they sat, but their tent city - by now grown to six tents, from two Monday afternoon - was the focal point of the opposition to the construction.

Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini sat in one of the small tents, the words "Orient House" spray-painted on the outside in English and Arabic, giving interviews by the numbers, as wave after wave of journalists and camera crews squeezed in to get a quote or a sound hite. Har Homa, Day One.

Investigations Chief Cmdr. Sando

redeployed. The media was there en masse to capture live any stone thrown, any poster waved, any body thrown in front of a retreating IDF jeep. Every move io Hehron was analyzed, re-analyzed, and then re-analyzed again. The question that dogged us day

and night was when the redeployment would take place, and what would happen when it did. Reporters filed stories about

attention been paid to a few guys going up a hill to take some measurements as has beeo paid over the last few days to the surveyors set to go to Har Homa. It is hard to imagine that surveying has ever received such attention, with radio news programs interviewing the surveyors to find out exactly what it is they do, and newspapers interviewing bulldozer drivers to find

Knesset splits down party lines

By LIAT COLLINS

Hadash yesterday filed a no-confidence motion over Har Homa.

particularly dangerous escalation," faction chairman Salah Salim said. "It seems it's prepared to sacrifice the political process on the altar of illogical and stubborn national-

Earlier in the day, Hadash MKs Tamar Gozansky and Ahmed Sa'ad were removed from Har Homa by security forces, after they tried to bodily block the bulldozers.

eignty over its capital.

Binyamin Netanyahu has promised the Palestinians strategic concesdeals made.

expects the Har Homa work to con-Netanyahu to warn Palestinian that any outbreak of violence will cause the Palestinians to lose all they have gained under the Oslo Accords.

Ran Cohen (Meretz) called the the site could bring about "a disaster that only a miracle could avert." Ofir Pines (Labor), joint head of



the Knesset caucus for Jerusalem,

called on Netanyahu to postpone

the project until a better atmos-

Ruby Rivlin (Likud), co-head of

the caucus, said that "only when

our partners realize there are red

lines can we hold a true dialogue

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The government is inviting a with them. We can't have a dialogue under threats. This is a test

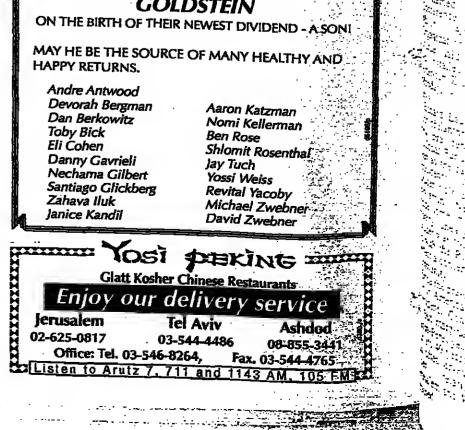
Other political responses to the start of construction were predictable, with the Left warning of violence and the end of the peace process and the Right praising the decision to stress Israel's sover-

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen said Prime Minister sions and made far-reaching promises to ensure quiet. He demanded the premier reveal any

National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Porat said he tinue at a fast pace. He called on Authority Chairman Yasser Arafai

MKs from the Democratic Arab Party visited President Ezer Weizman in Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, to call on him to ask Netanyahu to stop the proiect.

construction "a crime against peace and a crime against Jerusalem." He said that Netanyahu's ruling out a joint Arab-Jewish neighborhood at



depends on how fast the work is carried out, and how many people are involved," he said. The first pre-huilding stage began with the arrival of a team of

By HERB KEINON and URIEL HEILMAN

The first homes on Har Homa

may be ready for occupancy as

early as the end of 1999, Housing

Ministry spokesman Moshe Eilat

He said the surveying that began

yesterday, intended to chart out

roads and sewage lines, could be

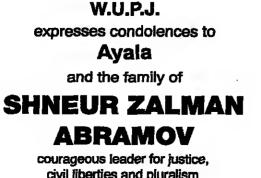
finished within two weeks. "It all

said yesterday.

surveyors, who began to place markers in preparation for the beginning of hulidozing work.

In an interview with Israel Radio, surveyor 'Avi Goldreich estimated that the surveying would probably take three or four days. He said the surveyors were not bothered by the onlookers.

The surveying process is accomplished in two stages. The first step consists of making a topographical map of the land. Using aerial and close-up photography. planners map the topography onto a computer before planning the infrastructure for the neighborhood. Once completed, surveyors then go to the site and mark the



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President Aharon Barak. Barak objected to the appointment. Hanegoi's questioning yesterday, which continued until late last night, is supposed to wrap up the complicated probe.

Although police have regularly transferred evidence from those questioned about the affair to the state attorney, the investigating team, headed by National

CORRECTION

A Page 2 headline yesterday should have read "US: Hamas believes PA will permit terror if Har Homa goes ahead" and not as written.

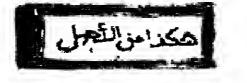
Mazor and Dep. Cmdr. Ya'acov Grossman, is expected to consoli-date all material collected from the more than 35 people ques-tioned, and meet with State Attorney Edna Arbel tomorrow with recommendations On Liat Callins adds:

he "does not expect the earth to shake" following the end of the Bar-On Affair investigation.



whether to indict anyone.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said yesterday



NEWS

School principal testifies: Naharayim wasn't on itinerary

of hearings.

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ed permission to visit Naharayim

and that he has seven different

Education Ministry documents

encouraging trips to Naharayim as

part of the events marking 100

Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled also appeared before

the committee. Peled said he told

the commission about "how the

system works, and how if people

BY ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Naharayim was not on the original itinerary of the eighth-grade school trip that ended last week in the murder of seven Beit Shemesh punils by a Jordanian soldier, AMIT Puerst School principal Moshe Yablovich admitted yesterday to the Pressler Committee investigating the incident.

The decision to go to Naharayim was made on route by those responsible for the trip, Yablovich told the committee, on its first day



Shlomo Zudkevich, the ministry official responsible for security and safety on school trips, (with back to camera) gives testimony to the committee headed by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yigal Pressler (second from right). (Efraim Kilsbtok)

work according to the regulations, and safety on school trips, also such things don't happen." testified. Someone took responsibility on himself" to take the group to Naharayim, he said. Shlomo Zudkevich, the ministry official responsible for security

Committee chairman Brig.-Gen. (res.) Yigal Pressler told Israel Radio vesterday that "our investigation will focus on the planning, organization and carrying out of

the trip, taking into consideration the Education Ministry's guidelines and regulations regarding safety and security." He said he expects the investigation to last two or three weeks.



No justice, no peace

Hebron residents protest

Women bold a protest vigil in front of a Tel Aviv courthouse yesterday, part of a national campaign organized by the Na'amat women's organization at courtbouses across the country. The organization is demanding an increase in the minimum sentences for sexual and family violence crimes. (Asyaf Shiloh/Israel Suo)



in brief

Kahalani wants A-G's report on PA closures

The Knesset Law Committee is to meet to discuss complaints by Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani that he has not yet received the written opinion of Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein on the closure of Palestinian Authority offices in Jenisalem. Rubinstein told reporters Sunday that he had informed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Kahalani orally at the end of last week of the various legal options. MK Moshe Shahal (Labor), who requested the committee meeting, criticized Netanyahu for not keeping the Internal Security Ministry in the picture, saying that he had received Rubinstein's legal opinion several days ago. Batsheva Tsur

Three dead from heater emissions

The bodies of a man and woman who apparently died from toxic gas while sleeping, were found yesterday afternoon in their apartment in Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood.

Police and Magen David Adom medics who arrived at the scene, first assumed it was suicide. However, signs in the room indicated that poisonous carbon monoxide had leaked from the heater and had been inhaled.

The couple, both aged about 50, were taken to the Institute for Forensie Medicine at Abu Kabir to determine the cause of death. A seven-year-old girl also died in Jerusalem yesterday under similar circumstances. Itim

Hochberg remand extended

The Rehovot Magistrate's Court yesterday remanded suspected murderer Dr. Amiram Hochberg, 50, for 13 more days. Police said they requested that the remand be extended because Hochberg has refused to cooperate with investigators and had not yet made a statement. He is suspected of murdering his common-law wife, Shlomit Bleichman, and her mother, Ida, last May.

Soldiers punished for hitting children

An IDF soldier was sentenced to 21 days of restricted duties and removed from his post, while another soldier was confined to his base for 21 days, for hitting Palestinian children. Two Palestinian youths approached the police in Hebron on Sunday afternoon to report the act, committed by soldiers serving in the area. The subsequent IDF investigation found that one of the soldiers slapped one of the youths and the second soldier pushed the other, after the youths had insulted the soldiers. ltim

Beautiful Hospital Competition to start in May

The Health Ministry is encouraging all hospitals to compete in the Beautiful Hospital Competition, organized this year for the second time by the Council for a Beautiful Israel. The competition will begin in May, and the winners will be announced in December. Judy Siegel

Doctor: Many c-sections were unnecessary

The number of cesarean sections can be cut nearly in half without endangering mothers or their babies, according to Dr. Haim Yaffe, director of obstetrics at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital. In recent years, cesareans constituted as many as 15% of all deliveries in the country, even though many of them are Judy Siegel not required for medical reasons, he said.

Children's park to be Naharayim memorial By DAVID RUDGE

A children's park is to be established at Naharayim in memory of the seven Beit Shemesh schoolgirls who were shot to death by a Jordanian soldier while on a sightseeing trip last week. The decision was taken yesterday

by a Jordanian-Israeli committee that was set up after the massacre.

Gen. Abu Rashed Mansour, the

head of the Jordanian delegation, expressed deep sorrow over the incident on behalf of himself, the

Jordanian army, and King Hussein.

It was agreed that the park be

jointly designed by two architects

The idea of a park at Naharayim

was originally approved in the framework of the peace talks between Israel and Jordan. The

tragedy at Naharayim last week

has given the project a new impe-

tus and efforts are now being

made to find funding. Gifa Sherover has already pledged \$100,000 towards the

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from Israel and Jordan, in consultation with the mayor of Beit Shemesh and the bereaved families.

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against road closing By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH walk towards the Avrabam Avinu quarter via a road running Protesting the closure of the through H1 - the Palestinianroad leading to their enclave, residents of Tel Rumeida in controlled area - and were stoned. According to Tel Rumeida resident. Baruch Hebron refused to send their children to school and demon-Marzel, the IDF then declared that road a closed military zone, strated at the site yesterday, leaving "stalled" cars in front of

allowing only vehicles to travel bulldozers in an attempt to stop on it, Marzel said that residents in the area had been told that the At mid-morning, the IDF road would be closed for a few hours daily but that it had tary zone and demanded that the remained closed for eight hours. Tel Romeida residents, said Marzel, will not send their chilwould be arrested. Police dren to school on the road that

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had been coordinated between the Palestinian Authority and the IDF. Marzel said that Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled had told him he was opposed to children travelling through H1. "We opened up classes in Tel

Rumeida for the children," said Marzel, who added that the community would prohably keep 40 children home again today.

On Monday night, the Hehron community leaders were informed by the civil administration district liaison commander Col. Baruch Magar of plans passes through H1, despite to repair the road leading to Tel assurances that the road closing Rumeida.

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Salberg likely pick to head Presidents Conference

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By MARSLYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Attorney Melvin Salberg was expected to be named chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations late yesterday, sources said. Salberg, who also was installed as president of the American Zionist Movement on Monday, would succeed Leon

Ronald Lauder, the businessman-philanthropist who is the new president of the Jewish National Fund, had been widely seen as the favorite to head the Presidents' Conference. But Lauder is close to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, which made some in the Jewish community uneasy, believing that Lauder was too closely associated with the Right to be able to reflect a consensus of the Jewish community.

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in brief

Rabbinate: Civil divorces not acceptable

Women immigrants who went through civil divorce proceedings in their countries of origin are being required to undergo a second, religious divorce by rabbinical courts here, the Knesset

Immigration and Absorption Committee was told yesterday. Committee member MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) said that some 30,000 single-pareot families headed by women had immigrated bere in the past seven years, and that "some of the women will remain agunot if they are unable to locate their husbands to

go through a second divorce according to Halacha." Chazan suggested that Israel's representations in the CIS include rabbinate representatives who would explain the situation to women before they immigrate. Aryeh Dean Cohen

MDA sanctions reduce hospitals' blood supply

The supply of blood to hospitals was reduced drastically yesterday, as Magen David Adom workers applied sancoons over the organization's non-payment of a special allotment given to hospital lab workers and biochemists. Only 150 units of blood and blood components were transferred to the hospitals, instead of the 1,400 units on an average day. In addition, during the day shift, ambulances are not going out on call unless there is an accompanying medic along with the driver. Health Minister Yeboshua Matza, who is abroad, has asked the Treasury to respond to the demands by tomorrow. Judy Siegel

Police crack down on pirate radio

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The police have agreed to "act immediately" against all pirate radio stations, especially those that interfere with air traffic control. In addition, in a meeong with Communications Minister Limor Livnat, all relevant ministries agree to act quickly to legislate stricter laws deterring pirates. The government will look into the possibility of refusing to recognize the expenses, for tax purposes, of those that advertise on pirate stations. The Communications Ministry's unit for catching pirate stations will be boosted in manpower and funds, it was announced yesterday. Judy Siegel

Religious-secular rift troubles education official

The increasing polarization between secular and observant Israelis is the most worrisome source of tension today, even more than matters of state, Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell said yesterday.

Dell, speaking to a gathering of principals on education towards values, said the gap between religious and secular bas replaced that which existed previously between ethnic groups, which has narrowed in recent years.

In light of the worsening relations between the secular and observant, Dell said educators must not give up, or feel the situa-Aryeh Dean Cohen tion is hopeless.

Post office registration ends phony car sales

Sales of used cars by people who don't own them has beeo eliminated by the oo-line registration of vehicles at post offices, some of them located on the premises of vehicle licensing and testing institutes, Postal Authority director-general Moshe Tery said yesterday. He said that last year, 340,000 vehicles changed hands via post office registration. Previously, a lien was attached to cars bought by bonest residents who had not made sure that the seller really owned the vehicle. Also in the past, many people received traffic and parking tickets for offenses committed by the person who had previously owned the car. Judy Siegel

MKs undergo glaucoma tests

Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital yesterday sent ophthalmolgists to the Knesset to conduct a painless eve-pressure test on

Book: PLO dialogue began in '85

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS - Negotiations between Israel and the PLO started in the mid-1980s and were initiated by the General Security Service, according to a book that will be published in France today.

According to Peace or Wars: Secret Arab-Israeli Negotiations Between 1917 and 1997, written by Charles Enderlin, the Israel-based correspondent of French TV channel France-2, during these negooations PLO chairman Yasser Arafat had already accepted the idea of an Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and autonomy in this region.

Enderlin, who based his book on exclusive documents and interviews of numer-

Spy's letters to MKs raise ire of Justice Ministry

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Justice Ministry is examining the possibility of amending the Prisons Law so that it will be possible to censor letters containing classified information that prisoners seod to MKs, the ministry spokespersoo said yesterday.

She was commenting on a report in Yediot Aharonot that convicted spy Mordechai Vanunu had written bundreds of letters cootaining classified information.

The censor stopped most of them, but, since letters to MKs are not censored, those be reportedly wrote to Israeli-Arab MKs went through.

"The existing regulations allow the prison director to open inmates' letters for ceosorship purposes ... and this bas several times stood up in court," spokesperson Etti Esbed said yesterday. But, she said, it was being checked whether this also could be applied to letters sent to MKs and whether the law required amendment.

Vanunu is serving an 18-year sentence for providiog the Sunday Times of London with pictures and documents allegedly proving Israel had nuclear weapons in Dimona.

The Supreme Court had banned publication of details about the case, but the routine censorship of his letters revealed that Vanunu was ignoriog the court order. The information he had passed on to the Israeli-Arab MKs was "top secret," Eshed

reveals that in July 1984, few days before the elections to the 10th Knesset, GSS chief Avraham Shalom and his deputy Reuven Hazak decided to put prime minister Yitzhak Shamir in a situadon in which he could not refuse to establish secret contacts with the PLO.

To convince Shamir, Shalom and Hazak told him that the contacts would concern missing Israeli soldiers. Shamir agreed to entrust the missioo to the GSS and a Canadian middleman, Steve Cohen, who had held talks with the PLO since the early

The first contacts between Yossi Ginossar, then the GSS representative in the US, and

ous political leaders in the Middle East, Said Kamal, a member of the Fatah took place in New York in July 1985. A small ministerial committee, headed by prime minister Shimon Peres and defense minister Yitzhak Rabin, guided the contacts. Shamir, the foreign minister, was not a member of the committee, but was informed about the details of the contacts, and never opposed them, even when he was told that they dealt with an eventual political solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

The Israeli attack on PLO headquarters in Tunis, the Achille Lauro affair, and the Bus 300 affair delayed the continuation of the contacts and the start of the negotiadons until February '86, when the first secret oegotiatioos took place in Paris.

Participating were Shlomo Gazit, former head of the IDF intelligence. Ginossar, Hani Hassan, Arafat's top political adviser, Kamal, and Cohen. Other meeoogs followed in Paris and Brussels. The last meeting took place in Paris on April 3, 1986 without achieving real

progress. The resignation of Shalom and Ginossar following their implication in the Bus 300 scandal put an end to the secret talks, since the new GSS head, Yoser Hermelin, decided that it was not the job of his service to deal with such political negotiations. He asked Peres' authorization in a stop contacts with the PLO. Peres refused but Shamir who replaced Peres as PM fews weeks later immediately agreed.



Of general interest

Lt.-Gen. (ret.) Ted Stroup (right), one of nine retired US generals and military commanders here with the Washington-based Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, chats with Maj.-Gen. (res.) Shlomo Gazit (center) and Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Porat yesterday. The delegation is also spending two days on the Golan Heights to examine its strategic importance. (Ilan Ossentryver/Israel Sun)

C'ttee: Yom Ha'atzmaut costs out of line

By LIAT COLLINS

The cost of Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities are nothing to celebrate, according to the Knesset Interior Committee, which dis-

cussed the issue yesterday. The committee decided to publish a list of municipalities which exceed their budget and invite Yom Ha'atzmaut performers for astronomic fees. The committee heard that some muoicipalities pay more than NIS 100,000 for a inute performance

Panel discusses radioactive waste

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset Science and Technology Committee yesterday held a discussion on the handling of radioactive waste and decided name stars, no matter the cost, to to tour the storage area of the Dimona Nuclear Research Center, Danoy Shalem, representing where all radioactive waste is the impresarios, said it is a free dealt with.

Eitan that the ministry monitors the air, soil, and water for signs of radioactive pollution and has found nothing that could endanger the population.

The meeting was marked by an argument over the propriety of an open discussion of the issue. Uzi. Landau, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee,

came to the scieoce committee meeting especially to protest the t being discussed there. He

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the MKs and eotertainers and their managers, who were invited to attend. The politicians threatened to establish a cartel to determine the rates paid performers. Micha Goldman (Labor) said many mayors try to attract big

all who requested it. Some 200 MKs and Knesset staffers underwent cbecks, and a number were referred for further tests and treatment for glaucoma. A mobile unit, donated to the hospital by US philanthropist Sam Rothberg, recently began making the rounds of factories, schools, and other institutions for the early detection of glaucoma. The disease causes the sufferer gradually to lose his field of vision due to pressure by fluid located between the comea and the lens. There are no symptoms until it's too late. Pressure can be reduced by the regular use of spe-cial eve drops. Judy Siegel

Pharmacists to battle smoking

The Israel Pharmacists Association is launching a campaign to encourage people to quit smoking and will try to persuade the print media to stop accepting cigarette advertising. IPA chairman Howard Reiss said it will support the efforts

of European pharmacist organizations that have signed a com-mitment against smoking. The local campaign will begin this spring in community pharmacies. Pharmacists will bar smoking in their establishmeot and advise smokers on ways of kicking Judy Siegel the habit.

Eshed said that the regulation was being examined also in connection with other cases. Recently, MK Azmi Bashara (Hadash) petitioned the High Court of Justice with regard to a group of 18 Lebanese prisoners who have been jailed for the past decade in Israel. The prisoners had sent Bashara a letter containing information said to be classified.

It demanded that the Interior mances. Ministry prepare clear guidelines on the subject, noting that this is particularly important this year because of the upcoming munici-

pal elections. Chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor) said the amounts paid out are particularly unacceptable given the large budget deficits many municipalities have. events.

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Entertainer Menahem Zilberman said the complaiots are unjustified: "Artists not only don't earn anything from television performances, they usually lose because of the expenses. Success is not an insurance policy - [the money] has to last over several years." He suggested preparing a tender for cultural

sion told Commis committee that radioaclive waste is dealt with in a professional manner, according to strict international standards. He said, however, that although there has never been an accident or leak here, he could not promise that there would never be an incident. He said the authorities are prepared handle an accident.

Dr. Ephraim Eskolai, a senior

safety adviser for the Atomic

Eskolai repeated statemeots by Envirooment Minister Rafael

said the topic should be dealt with by his committee, which meets behind closed doors, But Dedi Zucker (Meretz) said the poblic must be allowed to hear what is: going on.

Prof. Uzi Even, head of the chemistry department at Tel Aviv University, said the main problem is that methods of storage are only temporary and would have to be. checked again in the future.

'Fish TV' helps researchers study Red Sea

By JUDY SIEGEL

An acoustic device developed in California called "Fish TV" which simulates the activity of tioy sea animals called zooplankton - is being used for the first

time to explain the behavior of the in San Diego, were presented at aqualle population of the Gulf of this week's second international Eilat and the Red Sea. Preliminary findings from the use of the device, invented by engineer Dr. Jules Jaffe of the

Scripps Institute of Oceanography Jerusalem and Eilat's Inter-

Red Sea Conference in Eilat. The research, only half completed, is being carried out by Dr. Amatzia Genin of the Hebrew University in Uoiversity Marine Research Institute.

The event, which ends today, drew 120 marine biologists and other experts from Israel, Egypt, Germany, Jordan and Palestinian Authority. the

Genin became familiar with Jaffe's plans for developing an acoustic undersea device when he conducted research at Scripps. "I immediately recognized the

benefit it could have to the study of zooplankton, which can be as small as one-millimeter long; the technique can also be applied to air traffic control, 3-D imaging of moving things, medicine and a number of other fields," he said. Zooplankton are the most important link in the marine food chain. Knowing how they react under different ecological condi-

tions is important in understand-

ing wby some areas bave a large amount of zooplankton while others bave almost none, and how

they affect the coral reef. Jaffe's device is similar to an ultrasouod scan performed on a fetus, except that it can cover a. five-square-meter area simultaneously by inserting transducers into the water. These emit echoes - like a bat - at such high frequency that they don't disturb undersea life, Genin said. A computer then translates the data into a virtual image on a screen.

The researchers believe that the zooplankton off Eilat swim against the curreot, which pushes them down, but they battle to preserve their place in the water.

"We hope to work in Akaba, where we helieve the winds force the tiny animals up rather thandown," Genin said.

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Widely recognized as perhaps Israel's most important security asset, the Golan is for the moment on the back burner. But it won't be there for long. So what better time than now to join Shorashim and The Jerusalem Post for an in-depth, English-speaking two day tour of the area. We'll visit the settlements, examine the security issues and view the terrain, the animals, the water and the beauty.

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The date: Wednesday/Thursday, April 30/ May 1, 1997.

The price: NIS 595. Includes transportation from Jerusalem or Tel Aviv and back, background lectures and on-the-spot explanations, entrance to all sites, half-board accommodation in a double room, lunch and dinner on the first day, breakfast and lunch-box on the second.

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SHORASHIM, POB 7588, 14 Rehov Abarbanel, Rehavia, Jerusalem 91074 Tel. 02-566-6231 (9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) Ask for Michal, Vered, or Varda.

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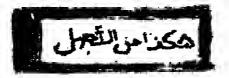
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Senior military officials said Hwang Jang-yop, Pyongyang's top ideologue who had been marconed in Secul's Beijing mission for nearly five weeks, arrived at the former US Clark airbase near Manila.

He then boarded a military helicopter bound for the mountain resort city of Baguio, 200 km north of Manila, said the senior officers, who asked not to be identified.

The cloak-and-dagger nature of his flight, which could have come out of the pages of a Cold War spy novel, lingered for hours after his reported arrival in the Philippines. There was no official confirma-

tion that Hwang, accompanied by at least three other people, had arrived in Bagnio.

President Fidel Ramos said he had no information on the matter. "No, I have not received a report," Ramos said, adding: "I will verify that and later on, whatever be the result, we will have the Department of Foreign Affairs issue a statement."

Foreign Undersecretary Rodolfo Severino, who cancelled a news briefing, said: 'I am waiting for orders

Days before Hwang's arrival, senior military officials cloaked his

MANILA (Reuter) - In an opera- identity by telling officers chosen to protect him that a "foreign investor is coming."

A Filipino diplomat said: "The military may be misleading you. Remember that this is a top security operation."

Beijing and Seoul both con-furned that Hwang, architect of North Korea's ruling ideology of strict self-reliance and 24th in the impoverished country's hierarchy, had left China but refused to say where he was taken.

"What I can tell you is that through consultations among all sides, the problem has already basically been solved," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Cui Tiankai.

Hwang wanted to go to Seoul but Filipino diplomats said he had to be taken elsewhere first to minimize embarrassment to North Korea.

Military sources said Hwang could stay in the Philippines from three days to a week. A senior Seoul official said Hwang would stay in a third country "for a considerable period of time" before coming to South Korea.

Officials shrouded Hwang's clandestine escape from Beijing in clouds of rumor and confusion.

At about 8.00 p.m. Monday, three minibuses with darkened windows drove slowly out from the diplomatic quarter of Beijing, driving around the armored personnel carriers, traffic bollards and police carrying assault rifles who had guarded the mission since Hwang slipped in.

Yeltsin ready for Helsinki

By TIMOTHY HERITAGE

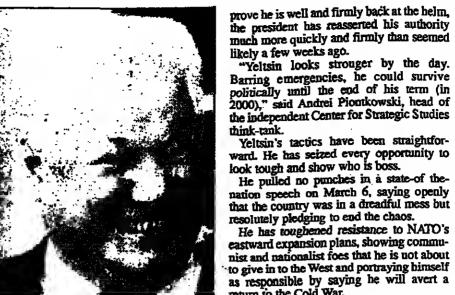
MOSCOW (Reuter) - President Boris Yeltsin goes into tomorrow's summit with US President Bill Clinton looking unexpectedly firmly in control in Russia after a government shake-up which has completed his dramatic political comeback.

Doubts remain over the 66-year-old Kremlin leader's long-ternt health and abil-ity to carry out the bold reforms heralded by Monday's unveiling of the most far-reaching cabinet changes since 1991. A relapse at any time cannot be ruled out.

But a string of table-thumping rebukes for his ministers, some fiery defence of Russia's interests on the world stage and his clear physical improvement after illness project an image of strength unimaginable only a few weeks ago. "This is again the very Yeltsin who deci-

sively began reforms in Russia," presiden-oal ally Alexander Livshits said, despite losing his post as deputy prime minister and finance minister.

Many independent observers would hesitate to compare the much thinner-lonking Yeltsin of today with the vigorous leader who launched economic reforms after



Russian President Boris Yeltsin (Renter)

becoming president in 1991. But with immaculate timing before the Helsinki summit, at which Yeltsin wants to

likely a few weeks ago. "Yeltsin looks stronger by the day. Barring emergencies, he could survive politically until the end of his term (in 2000)," said Andrei Piontkowski, head of

the independent Center for Strategic Studies think-tank. Yeltsin's tactics have been straightforward. He has seized every opportunity to look tough and show who is boss.

He pulled no punches in a state-of thenation speech on March 6, saying openly that the country was in a dreadful mess but resolutely pledging to end the chaos.

He has toughened resistance to NATO's eastward expansion plans, showing communist and nationalist foes that he is not about to give in to the West and portraying himself as responsible by saying he will avert a return to the Cold War.

Monday's reshuffle was the culmination of his comeback. He brought in liberal reformers at the expense of relative conservatives and signalled the start of a major new drive for economic change.

"Yeltsin now portrays the image of a

strong politician. At the summit he will say he is defending Russian interests while not letting the world slide into a second Cold War," Piontkowski said.

"The West and Clinton will help Yeltsin because they want to support him, seeing no alternative to him." Despite Yeltsin's recovery, many questions remain about his health and political will to carry the reforms through, and they can be answered only with time.

"The government changes show a serious shift towards reformers but oow the key is whether Yeltsin is really ready and able to inject the political capital needed to push through the reforms," said political analyst Andrei Kortimov.

Yeltsin has promised many times to reform the economy, end poverty, pay wages and pensions on time, crack down on crime and corruption and reform the underfunded armed forces. Many of his promises

have proved empty. Similarly, he has bounced back from illness before only to fall ill again. He recovered from two heart attacks in 1995 to fight an energetic and successful re-election campaign last year, but was taken ill when victory was in sight.

> 50 feared dead in Russian plane crash

MOSCOW (AP) - A civilian airliner crashed in southern Russia yesterday morning and all 50 people on board were feared dead.

One Russian official said an explo sion was suspected.

The Stavropol Airlines AN-24 plane crashed after taking off from the southern city of Stavropol, said Viktor Beltsova, a spokesman for the Emergency Situations Ministry.

The 41 passengers and nine crew members were all believed killed. when the plane slammed into a wooded area near the city of Cherkessk, about 90 km south of Stavropol, the spokesman said.

Rescue workers flew to the site and have identified at least 24 bodies, said Vladimir Khubiyev, president of the Karachayevo-Cherkessia region, told the Interfax news agency.

The airliner appeared to have exploded in the air because plane fragments and human remains were scattered over a 6-km-wide area; Erkenov was quoted as saying.

The plane was flying at 6,000 meters when it disappeared off radar screens and crashed at 10:50 a.m., officials said. It was headed to the northern Turkish city of the Black Sea coast, 400 km south of Stavropol. Trabzon is a popular destination among the estimated 1 million Russian "shuttle traders" who visit Turkey every year to buy inexpensive clothing and consumer goods they can sell at a profit back home. A Turkish television station. quoting airline officials, reported that no Turks were on the plane. Stavropol Airlines is one of the many private airlines that have emerged since the 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union. Many of the air-, lines have poor safety records and there have been numerous crashes in the former Soviet republics in recent years.

Albanian refugee, food crises loom

the refugee exodus from Albania picked up yesterday as people desperate to leave their anarchic country packed into anything that floated and paddled or sailed out to sea.

The Albanian, government appealed to a visiting European Union mission for urgent financial aid to get the country hack on its feet after weeks of unrest, saying it was facing a serious food crisis after government grain stocks were looted.

An alliance of 11 political parties repeated an appeal for President Sali Berisha to step down as the best way of restoring order in Europe's poorest count

yesterday, though a state of emer-

The United Nations refugee agency UNHCR said more than 2.500 fled to Italy yesterday, more than on any single day to date, adding to nearly 10,000 who have already reached Italy and Greece, In Durres, Albania's main port

some 40 km west of Tirana, nearly 100 people rode a derelict freighter out of the harbor, using makeshift paddles, sails fashioned from garbage current The chaos in the Adriatic prompted marine insurance writers in London effectively to declare the area a war zone liable to increased premiums. On the other side of the Adriatic in the southern Italian port of Brindisi, refugees spoke of paying up to \$600 per head to get out of their country. "I paid and I would pay again if I had to," said a 28-year-old businessman who handed over the equivalent of \$3,000 for his fivestrong family.

gency and night curfew remained. hut there were more chaotic scenes on the coast as hundreds of would-be refugees clambered aboard rusting halks without motors and drifted out to sea.

Modern-day Earhart

Blair had accused Major of

allowing the health service to run short of money and staff and of

creating a "a grave and potentially

Major, claiming only his

Conservatives were committed to .

increasing funding on health care,

responded: "Labor may have set

up the health service hut we have

The spat followed the opening

news conferences of the long elec-

tion campaign. Blair told wary

voters that Labor was not hiding

its old tax-and-spend instincts

only to return to its old socialist

ways after the election. We promise only what we will deliver and we will deliver what

we promise," he said.

disastrous situation."

built it up."

TIRANA (Reuter) - The pace of Tirana was returning to normal

In the south of Albania rebels who seized arms and took control of the region in fury, hlaming the government for a string of investment scheme collapses, have given Berisha until March 20 to quit. It was not clear how they intended to back the threat.

Parliament speaker Pjeter Arbnori described the ultimatum as an attempt to destabilize the country and called for all political parties to observe an agreement on national reconciliation, signed with Berisha last week.

The situation in the capital

LONDON (Reuter) - Prime

Minister John Major, in a feisty

display designed to rally

Conservative troops, fought back yesterday after opinion polls pre-

dicted his election defeat and

Britain's best-selling newspaper,

In his first direct confrontation

with Labor leader Tony Blair since

he announced the election date of

May 1, Major said only the ruling

Conservatives could have deliv-

In a performance that brought

ered Britain's booming economy.

Conservative members of parlia-

ment cheering to their feet, Major threw back Blair's taunts that the

government had plunged the

National Health Service into cri-

DICTIONARY

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The Sun, endorsed his rival.

Major fights back

Zairean rebels target Kinshasa

KISANGANI (Renter) - Zairean rebel leader Laurent Kabila declared a ceasefire around thecaptured city of Kisangani yesterday and said Kinshasa and a diamond center were the next targets. The Congolese Red Cross meanwhile said members of ailing President Mohutu Sese Seko's family had joined Zaireans taking refuge in neighboring Congo in the face of rebel advances. At rebel headquarters in the

eastern border city of Goma, Kabila said he was declaring a temporary ceasefire for 20 km around Kisangani to allow in aid and let people return. We will not go to Ubundu

while the ceasefire at Kisangani holds if they (Zairean troops) do not attack us," Kabila told a news conference. Some 100,000 refugees fleeing the rebels are massed around Ubundu, 100 km southeast of Kisangani.

Addressing more than 10,000 supporters in Goma yesterday, Kabila said the next rebel targets were the capital and the diamond-mining capital of Mbuju-Mayi in central Kasai region. He said he could reach Kinshasa hy June.

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St. Patrick revelers fall silent for 1.5 million dead in 'Great Hunger'

Texan Linda Finch points to a crowd of well-wishers before boarding her Lockbeed Electra 10E, one of two left in existence,

Monday in Oakland, California. Flying east, Finch is attempting to complete aviator Amelia Earbart's around-the world flight

in an identical aircraft, exactly sixty years after Earbart's flight. Her flight plan includes stops in 20 countries before landing back in Oakland in May. Earbart's plane was lost in the Pacific during her 1937 attempt.

By JOHN SHANAHAN

NEW YORK (AP) - The lift of Irish music suddenly stopped. The pipes and drums went silent. The cheering ceased.

The mood became abruptly solemn as the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade halted and marchers and spectators paused in memory of 1.5 million Irish who died in the "Great Hunger" which peaked 150 years ago in "Black

"They were absolutely silent. You could hear a pin drop," said New York parade grand marshal John Lahey

It was the potato famine that touched off the great wave of Irish immigration to the United States. That heritage was evident not only in New York, where the 236th annual parade attracted 150,000 marchers and a million or more spectators. People from Cleveland to Savannah, Georgia, turned every shade of green for the

BUILDING

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At the hilltop tent camp facing

Har Homa, Palestinian leader

Faisal Husseini said the start of

construction meant that protesting

Palestinians were left with only

one option: "to take to the

Arafat turned down an appeal

by Netanyahu for a meeting

Monday night, and Netanyahu

said he did not see a meeting in

the works, although he termed

one "essential." Nonetheless,

Netanyahu claimed his relation-

ship with Arafat is "good" and

But in an interview with foreign

reporters, Netanyahu took the

offensive against the PA. "I am

saying that our intelligence shows

very clearly, unmistakably, that

the Palestinian leadership has

given the green light to the worst

terrorist organizations in the

world to go ahead with the kind of

bus bombings and suicide attacks

- the kind of mass killings that

brought a halt to the peace

Netanyahu charged that the

release of Hamas "murderer"

Ibrahim Makadmah from prison

last week was a "signal" to permit

attacks. PA officials deny this.

process," he said.

streets.'

"honorable."

occasion: green beer, green grits, green milkshakes and green newsprint.

Police arrested two people early yesterday morning for their involvement in a minor brawl, said police spokesman Kevin Mulrooney. He said the unidentified pair were charged with unlawful assembly, but not with assault. In a separate incident, 35 demonstrators from the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization, again barred from marching, were arrested for blocking traffic. "We're Irish, we're queer, we'll

be here every year" supporters of ILGO chanted as they sat in the middle of Fifth Avenue outside the New York Public Library near 42nd Street.

Boston had its parade a day early and on Monday, suhway riders were given copies of poems by Irish poet and playwright William Butler Yeats.

St. Patrick's Day was a holiday for one last time in Briarwood

Dore Gold, Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, said that Israel does not believe there could be spontaneous violence due to the PA's massive security apparatus, for which Arafat, he said, controls the "switch."

US officials privately said Hamas leaders emerged from a March 9 meeting with PA officials with the perception they would acquiesce to attacks, but stressed there is no hard evidence to suggest that any PA official okayed terror.

In Channel 1 interview last night, Netanyahu dismissed Palestinian statements that the peace process is over, and defended his action as keeping faith with Israel's past. "For 3,000 years, Jews dreamed of Jerusalem," he declared.

Asked if he was ready to meet Netanyahn without conditioos, Arafat said: "I make no conditions," but aides interpreted this to mean Netanyahn must not impose conditions.

"Arafat cannot meet Netanyahn while the hulldozers are working. That would lonk like he accepts them," one aide said.

Earlier yesterday, Arafat told Yuval Rabin, head of A Whole Generation Seeks Peace, "We face a government which has many members who do oot under-

Beach, Ohio, a village of 700 that is merging with a neighboring community. It had been the only Ohio town to designate March 17 a legal holiday. Not that there ever

was a parade. "I thought it would have been appropriate to have a corned-beef dinner, with Irish music and dancing," said Councilman George Rivers. "But we don't have a hall or anything in the village." In suburban Blue Springs, a few

km east of Kansas City, Grand Marshal Dody Liddle led four marchers some 20 meters across a street for what's billed as the shortest St. Patrick's Day parade in America.

"As you can see, I called out all the troops," said Police Chief H. L. Brown, pointing to two officers working traffic and crowd control. In New York, the celebration for Ireland's patron saint otherwise was a spectacle of bands, kilted hagpipers, military marching units and smiling spectators.

stand peace, and we will have to convince them hy all means." Rahin said later be had requested the meeting to persuade Arafat that Palestinian violence would not help the peace process. His request for a meeting with Netanyahu to tell him that Israel had a right to build on Har Homa, but the timing was wrong, went unanswered, he added.

Meretz MK Yossi Sarid, who met with Arafat later, addressed the same issue, telling him, "Don't be so excited ... It's a long and very complicated process, and I hope it will be possible in the near future to stop it."

Last night, Arafat was to call his higher security committee into what was billed as an emergency session, although the committee meets at least twice a week. Political factions, including opposition groups, were meeting in different towns to discuss Har Homa, Qurie said.

The Palestinian Legislative Council is to convene tomorrow to elect new officials, and Jerusalem and settlements will again play a central part in the

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Elli Wohlgelernter contributed to this report.

debate, he said.



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Shabbat in Ramat Aviv

thile all eyes are on the Har Homa standoff, another conflict is heating up over whether a new mall in the Tel Aviv neighborhood of Ramat Aviv will be open on Shabbat. As usual, the involvement of politicians in the dispute is complicating, rather than diffusing, the conflict.

It all began when a religious businessman, Lev Leviev, bought a controlling interest in the Africa Israel, which owns the soon-to-be-completed Ramat Aviv mall. The mall, which will be one of the largest in the Tel Aviv area, was expected to be open on Shabbat, like many other mails in predominantly secular areas of the country.

The dozens of businesses that signed contracts with Africa Israel to open sbop in the mall, including Israel Theaters and McDonald's, planned on the weekend shoppers to maximize their profits. But earlier this month. Leviev convinced the board of Africa Israel to change its plans and keep the mall closed on Shabbat.

The conflict quickly blossomed from a contract dispute between the mall and its tenants still to be resolved - to a full-fledged test of wills between Israel's secular and religious camps. Am Hofshi ("A Free People"), a secular-rights group, is threatening to organize a consumer boycott of the mall if it stays closed on Sbabbat. Backing this same aggressive line is Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, who declared that if "Bnei Brak" tries to impose its will on Ramat Aviv, Ramat Aviv would take the battle to Bnei Brak.

Milo threatened, in effect, that the secular citizens of Tel Aviv, outraged by the potential impairment of their right to sbop on Shabbat, would drive through haredi Bnei Brak on the day of rest. For good measure, Deputy Mayor Dan Darin (Meretz), threatened to deny new building permits to Africa Israel if the mall is closed on Shabbat.

Predictably, Milo's threats were a major agenda item at Monday's meeting of the Agudat Yisrael Party. Party secretary Menahem Porush reportedly said at the conference that the haredi public would isolate Milo and destroy him politically. Aguda chairman Avraham Shapira called on the religious parties to emulate the tactics of the Land of Israel Front and pool their Knesset members into a "Force 23" that would defend the Sbabbat with threats to bring down the government.

is coercing whom. The tenants of the mall, who bought into the project thinking it would be open on Sbabbat, would seem to bave a legitimate beef with Africa Israel, since the rules were changed midstream.

But even if there is an unkosher element in wbat Africa Israel, at Leviev's insistence, bas done to its tenants, the issue at hand is still primarily a contract dispute, not a matter of religion and state. This is not an example of the government imposing religious laws, but of a private company making a decision that, even if contrary to its financial interests, is within its rights.

The political uproar bas little to do with defending the tenants' rights. Rather, it is about wbether the rights of secular people are being violated by depriving them of the services of a particular mall on Shabbat. Some commentators claim that the struggle is on an even loftier level, and involves whether the culture and lifestyle of secular residents will be treated with respect equal to that accorded religious ones.

The attempt to impose symmetry is, in this case, mistaken. It is one thing to claim that secular people bave the right to live their lives free of religious coercion; quite another to claim that closing a business on Shabbat is as offensive to a secular person as keeping one open is to the religiously observant. It might not make either extreme bappy, but most Israelis probably prefer a situation in which businesses are not forced to be either closed or open on Shabbat, and that there is a mixture of the two.

Even in famously secular Ramat Aviv, the neighborhood council is divided on this issue. Some members of the council wanted the mall closed on Shabbat to preserve the quality of life in an area known as "Green Ramat Aviv." Even many people who shop on Shabbat would probably regret it if there were no lessening in the commercial bubbub on Shabbat.

If anything, this supposed example of religious coercion might better be seen as a test of religious freedom: Do business owners bave the right to manage their property in a manner consistent with their religious values, or will they be compelled by the Jewish state to violate Sbabbat?

With the growing political muscle of religious parties beginning to be felt, the concern of increased religious coercion is a valid one. The flap concerning the Ramat Aviv mall, bowever. case of secular politicians choosing crass

It takes two to reconcile

ven if King Hussein's initia-tive results in a meeting **between** Binyamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat, it is clear that the common ground between the two leaders - the Oslo agreement - is no longer there.

OPINION

The agreement's explicit provisions are no longer to Arafat's taste, so he has abandoned them. In their place, he is trying to substitute something vague, ambiguous, and hard in define called the "Oslo spirit" via which he can introduce new demands at will

It took great effort oo Netanyabu's part to bolster the Knesset majority in favor of implementing the agreement; and Hebron was outstanding proof that he was doing just that. But when he turned around and looked for Arafat, he found that the chairman had departed, trailing the aura of the "Oslo spirit."

Arafat's repudiation of Oslo per se comes across in almost everything he says. For example, he frequently talks about "the diplomatic process," but bardly ever mentions the Oslo agreement - not surprisingly, since it puts limits on what he can demand.

He cannot, for instance. demand immediate operation of the Dehaniya airport. The agreement emphasizes Israel's unconditional right to suit security arrangements there to its needs, and Arafat can't interfere.

But that hasn't stopped him trying, for several weeks, to do away with this limitation, even though it stems from one of the agreement's most fundamental parts.

Once that bulldozer goes up, once

that will follow, the sorry sequence

of events, is clear. It's one of those

cases where the end is visible right

of violence, after the many, many

dead on both sides are counted

after the fierce condemnation of

Israel in the Security Council -

with no American veto to save us

this time - the prime minister will

have to give in and go back to

right-wing camp in the elections.

Israel ultimately lacks the power

to defeat the US when Washington

POSTSCRIPTS

For despite the victory of the

After the unavoidable eruption

from the very beginning.

square one.

its own interests.

* He cannot dictate the extent of any of the IDF's three with-

NOSHE ZAK withdraw. Again, the agreement recognizes Israel's security needs

as the paramount consideration. * Arafat cannot interfere in construction in Jerusalem during the interim period. The agreement does not even mention the "danger of the Judaization of Jerusalem" that Arafat cites constantly as part of his efforts to drum up Islamic support for his anti-Israel campaign.

Israel agreed that problems

Arafat has jettisoned the Osio accord for something vague yet wonderfully elastic cailed 'the Oslo spirit'

linked to Jerusalem could be raised in the final status negotiations; but the agreement says nothing about discussing the Palestinians' demand to share sovereignty over the city with Israel.

NOT one of Arafat's demands since Hebron has actually been based on the agreement. Conveniently, he invokes the "Oslo spirit" and "the spirit of reconciliation" while he insists on more Israeli concessions.

What doesn't seem to have occurred to the PLO leader is that it takes two to reconcile. He seems to believe that he can eternally Jews in Jerusalem constitutes a

amended - then tell his own public that he will amend the covenant only when Israel formulates a constitution. He knows quite well that there is no such thing on Israel's immediate agen-

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The Palestinians' demand vis-avis Jerusalem was known before the signing of the agreement, yet it says nothing about freezing con-struction in Jerusalem until the end of final status negotiations. Israel's representatives would have rejected out of hand any Palestinian attempt to condition their signing oo a clause prevent-ing the "Judaization of

Jerusalem." So why on earth should we agree to such a condition now, in the name of the "Oslo spirit"? The Likud government opted to

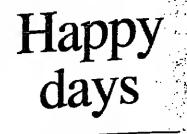
uphold a written agreement concluded by its predecessor, common practice with international agreements. Even so, there were objections to ratifying the agree-ment with the PLO - an organization. not a nation.

Whatever honoring agreements involves, it certainly does not include indulging the other side's fantasics - in this case, far-reaching gestures to dissipate Palestinian threats of vinlence.

These threats, made by many Palestinian leaders, only strengthen the conclusion that Arafat no longer sees himself as bound by the provisions of the Oslo agree-

ment This being the case, what possible reason could Israel have for helping bim legitimize some alternative "spirit" by which he can claim that building housing for

The writer, a veteran journalist.



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GUS CRENSON

The world will be a mucb better place to live m in about 1.000 days. By January 1, 2000, there will be no state or federal taxes of any kind. No crime. No jails. No professional athletes. No military. No

lawyers. No guns. No poverty. No advertising. And, oh yes - newspaper edi-

tors will be elected by readers. All these happy changes will have come to pass by the start of the new millennium, according to Edward Bellamy, author of Looking Backward: 2000-1887, published in 1888 by Houghton Mifflin.

The book sold more than 1 million copies, and was translated inin four other languages. Its message resonated with Italian anarchists, Dutch socialists, Russian revolutionaries, English social critics.

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This is the surry of Julian West, an upper-class 1880s Bostonian who falls into a trance after he takes a mysterious sleeping. potion. He sleeps for 113 years. In Bellamy's new world, every-

one works for the government. All get the same wage. Everyone has a credit card (he got that right!) on which his or her annual wage is entered. Each time something is bought, its cost is deducted from the card.

There is no money. You do all your buying in a government-run mall that keeps samples of everything you could possibly want. A system of pneumatic tubes moves everything along. The purchase usually is waiting by the time you get home.

The work day is four hours. Vacation is six months per year. Work is from age 21 to 45. The mentally and physically handi-capped do what light work they can, but get paid the same as everybody else.

Bellamy's retirees in the year

imagine: no taxes,

no crime, no

poverty, no advertising - and newspaper editors elected by readers

2000 live to "85 or 90" (a radical notion in 1887) and spend their retirement doing anything they please. He doesn't mention health care.

When the dust is cleared from all this political extremism over common sense, and threatening

posturing, there is a question of who, if anyone, the same kind of coercion they claim to oppose.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ONE-SIDED

Sir, - The whole world is now vehemently condemning Israel, and no matter bow many concessions it makes they are never sufficient.

Why is the Palestinian Anthority, whose agreed upon police force of some 20,000 has now grown to an army of 85.000 trained, well-armed soldiers, not condemned for their actions? And wby have no accusations been levelled against the PA for their actions in establishing "facts on the ground" by baving illegal offices in Jerusalem, including **Orient House?**

Why does not Israel complain. constantly, to the United Nations. that the clauses calling for the destruction of Israel have not been finally deleted from the Palestinian charter? Why must all the "confidence-building measures" come only from Israel?

Why is "trust" one-sided? Will the world only discover that it has twisted Israel's arm too hard when that limb breaks, and it is no longer in a position to defend itself from antagonistic Middle East. Are we to know no peace? NORMAN COHEN

Jerusalem.

WRONG TARGET

Sir. - If there is any country in this world that likes to shoot itself in the foot, it is Israel. The barassment the Christians are subject to is a shame. The government should go after the ones that knock on people's doors giving out Christian literature.

This month we were disturbed three times by beautiful Russians knocking on our door. I take their literature only because it will be one less home they will disturb. Our government should put large advertisements in the Russian papers saying "It's against the law!"

EVELYN DAR-EL

Haifa.

Sir, - What's in a name? Everything. Much of the intensified pressure and growing hostilibetween Israel and the ty Palestinian Authority is a result of a label. Har Homa viewed as part of "Jerusalem" symbolizes the concerns of the opposing sides and has enormous political/religious significance.

WHAT'S IN A NAME

What would be the case if Har Homa, instead of being called "Jerusalem," was labeled "Sur Bahir 2,"or a totally neutral title like "Rehovot" or "Boston" or "Los Angeles"? Facts on the ground, geographically/pbysically, would be expected to be the same, would they not?

The same need for housing, the same distance from this region to various offices located in or near the center of the city - but there would be a great cooling and calming down. Are we not shooting ourselves in the foot in having adopted a certain modern, greatly expanded map of Jerusalem as the ultimate defining source of what should carry this famous inflammable name?

mable name? I suggest that we consider con-cepts like "core Jerusalem," and "unbarden Jerusalem." "Core Jerusalem" might be the Old City plus a few kilometers in the western and southern directions. This could well do a great deal to defuse the ongoing frictioo that is croding hopes for a self-respecting peace.

RABBI JOSEPH HECKELMAN

Safad.

PLEAS FOR IBA NEWS

Sir. - The 6:15 p.m. IBAEnglish News on Channel I is our lifeline to events which affect our lives here in Israel. We never miss a broadcast and if we are not at home we videotape it. The presenters are like old friends, and their professionalism is appreciated. There are many English-speaking citizens who, like us, object to being dismissed as unimportant. Please add our pleas to the many we feel sure you will hear from, on the threatened cancellation of IBA news.

DR. and MRS. R. KARAT

Herzylia Pituah.

KING'S GREATNESS

Sir, - King Hussein's visit to the bereaved families shows his greatness as a leader and a burnan rero hour has arrived - for being. His genuine expression of sympathy which we saw on televi-Jerusalem, for the future of the process with the Palestinians, for the path on which sion doubtless left a deep and lasting impression on everybody in our nation continues in this country. Israel. The Middle East would be a Because of this, every member much more peaceful region had of the government must stand up now and state publicly - so it's the other leaders in the area the courage and humanity of King there in black and white for a future commission of inquiry -To His Majesty King Hussein I would like to say kol hakavod. that he or she is ready to take responsibility for sending the first

May we see the other Arab leaders buildozer up Har Homa to begin around Israel give up their threatleveling the land. ening posture and follow King the government - nghtly or wrong-Hussein's lead. ly - goes up the hill, the scenario

SHMARYA SEGAL

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DISTURBING SCENARIO

Sir - After having been cleared in his recent trial, David Appel is quoted as having said, "If Dudu Appel wants an appointment (to the government) to be made, you can be sure it will be done." He refers, of course, to the immense "clout" he has with government leaders.

If this situation is true, it presents us with a very disturbing, if not frightening, scenario under which the people of Israel are being governed (if one can call it that). Perhaps, this time Dudu overreached himself? If true, it is indeed sad for all of us.

LEONARD ZURAKOV

Netanya.

TRAFFIC ON THE BEACH Sir. - Very often I spend time on the beach in Netanya playing with my grandchildren, ages five and eight. Frequently, cars drive to and fro on the sand.

Sometimes the children and toddiers nearby must run to get out of the way of the traffic. Do we have in wait until a child or a toddler is run over before law-enforcement from the Netanya administration prevents traffic on the beach?

HELEN GOLDMAN

Netanya.

drawals from Judea and Samaria. twist Israeli prime ministers The agreement lays down only around his little finger, promising their timing, nothing else. Israel them over and over that the need not consult the Palestinians Palestinian Covenant will be on how far, or from where, it will amended - or has already been comments on current affairs.

Before calamity descends

YORAM KANIUK

deploy our F15s to punish them though it will be hard to find a refueling station along the way. And perhaps our shekels wouldn't make the Americans so happy, anyway.

YOU can't judge an issue like Har Homa by looking down oo it from the ideological heights. Har Homa isn't really Jerusalem -- and even if we dream that it is, surely we

Let every member of this government stand up and deciare: We know what will happen, and we take responsibility

could wait until after the permanent settlement to try to realize

our dream. The justice of our stand on Har Homa is very shaky; that may he

sees a particular action as risky to overstating it. More than that, it is far from wise. So perhaps we'll stop sending After the punishment that is certhem aid; perhaps we'll even

brunt of the world's anger. And after our inevitable defeat, as we gaze at our empty national coffers. what will it matter that Prime Minister Netanyahu is angry at Mayor Olmert for hemming bim in on the hill?

This government calls itself "national" (as opposed to the antinational government of Yitzhak Rabin).

will follow.

So let this national government arise, down to every last member, and declare publicly: We have made this decision collectively, in full knowledge of the tragedy that

Let it stand up before - and not after - the defeat, before the punishment, before the bloodshed. Let no one be able to say, as they

did with the tunnel last September: I didn't know. That sort of prettifying excuse. the shiftiag of responsibility onto others makes me think of H.L. Mencken, who observed that the fact that roses smell better than cauliflower doesn't necessarily

The writer's latest book. Another Love Story, was published recently; his Land of Two Promises, written jointly with Arab noveliss Emil Habibi, is currently being translated into several languages.

make it a better soup.

CAMELS, THE ships of the desert of Australia's pioncering past, have been fitted with tail lights in a sign of the times in the West Australian tourist town of Broome.

Two tourist camel ride operators bave agreed in a town council request to attach red flashing hattery-powered bicycle tail lights to the rear of camels to reduce the hazard they pose to traffic.

The camels move in strings of up to 15 with the last camel mounted with a tail light. One operator said there was no

pressure to introduce headlights. I think the camels know where always going to be part of my life." they're going," he said.

HOW did we come to this happy pass?

Well, says Bellamy, corporate giants at the end of the last century got bigger and bigger, gobbling up competition, and the rich got richer, until there was only one giant conglomerate - and the govemment took it over because the people demanded it

And now, he says, we "enjoy the blessings of a social order at once so simple and logical that itseems but the triumph of common sense."

In Bellamy's world, housework is history. People eat in community dining rooms. It's cheaper, and the food is better than anything Mom could cook at bome. All washing and ironing is ootsourced.

Women's wages are the same as men's, but they work shorter hours and get rest stops, plus looger vacations. They are assigned only work they can han-__. die. Maternity leave? Certainly.

In relations with men, women are free to declare their love first, (radical for 1888), though in the end, as one current critic observes, Bellamy created a world in which women reflected the 19th-century ideal: "pure, pious, domestic and submissive." Still, he was a hero to most 19thcentury feminists. One women's rights leader pronounced his book "the book of the century."

You will look in vain in Looking Buckword for the gimmicks and gadgets that are part of our baggage as we enter the new millennium. There are the pneumatic tubes. There is the adaptation of the telephone into a kind of radio. And on rainy days, a waterproof covering automatically turns the sidewalk into a "dry corridor." That's about it.

Looking Backward is, of course, a persuasive socialist tract, awakening Americans to the possibilities of change. It won converts to socialism by making it respectable, exciting and desirable.

On March 30, 1888, the Boston Transcript reviewed the book favorably, but couldn't swallow Bellamy's timetable. The reviewer thought the changes would take 75 centuries - not just one:

General interest in Looking. Backward tailed off in the 1920s, but scholarly interest flourishes in scores of books and articles.

Critics are still dissecting Bellamy's ideas after 100 years and more. 2. 4. e. 2. . . .

(Baltimore Sun)

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tain to come, we will feel the won't speak to her. And she quit her job with the public defender's office,

the job that brought her to Bolin on Death Row early last year. When Bolin's three murder convictions were overturned because of improper testimony, Martinez was supposed to help find details

of their children.

expensive watches and doted on her four children. But she has given it all up in a quest to prove the innocence of a man she has grown to love - drifter, camival worker and condemned serial killer Oscar Ray Bolin.

"I lost a lot over this," Martinez, 37, acknowledged. "But now, I'm happy. If I died in my sleep tonight, I would know the meaning of true, uncondi-

tional love." Her husband of 18 years, a prominent criminal defense lawyer, has filed for divorce and sought custody

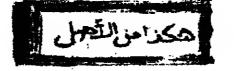
Her friends don't understand and

AS THE wife of a wealthy Tampa lawyer, Rosalie Martinez had a privileged life. She wore diamonds and

that might save him from the electric chair. Instead, she decided she could prove his innocence.

That job got tougher when a jury took only 30 minutes to convict Bolin of murder in the first of his three retrials-for the 1986 abduction, rape and

stabbing of a bank clerk. Bolin, 35, believes that he and Martinez will be together someday. "I would plan that. She's



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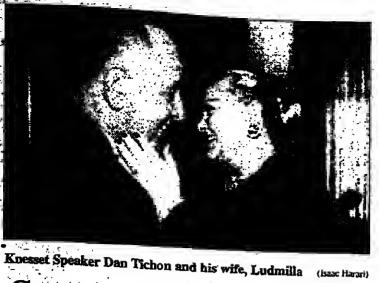
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Storyteller makes for an enchanted affair venue, many other visiting digni-taries followed Christopher's

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

TOU MUST come and example. This week, however, listen to the fairy tales" the status of the King David was urged Noracsy Kroll, fully restored when it became the wife of the Austrian ambassador, first Jerusalem hotel in which the when talking to invitees to the prime minister of Israel hosted a luncheon she hosted at her dinner for Jordan's King Herzliya Pituah residence in honor of Ludmilla Tichon, wife Hussein of the Speaker of the Knesset. GIVEN THE venue, guests Kroll's luncheons and dinners demonstrating their linguistic always have a fun-and-games eleskills should have been practicing ment to them - but fairy tales their Hungarian as they partied in the home of Hungarian were not exactly an incentive for guests of a certain age. "But these are adult fairy tales," she clari-Ambassador Istvan Csejtei and his wife lidiko on the occasion of fied. What she meant to say was that country's national day. that they were Aesop-style fables Instead, Cypriot ambassador and parables. Petros Effychiou decided to impress Mirko Stefanovic.

Austrian story-teller Folke Tegetthoff charmed the close to 40 females present by telling them that he felt like a thorn busb in a rose garden, and then went on to fascinate them with a series of dramatically articulated tales, most · of

which carried a "do unto others" message, No one was more fascinated than

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Tichon, whose face registered her monntn g **First-time Dad** enchant-**Timothy Dalton** ment_

While introducing Tegetthoff, Kroll emphasized "the virtues of listening which have almost disappeared." Some of her guests were chattering so loudly at the time, that Kroll had to ring a small bell

Teens, trauma and tragedy

By RUTH MASON

PARENTING

ow can I help my 14-yearold daughter cope with the terrible trogedy at Naharayim? Can you help me understand her possible responses?

Dr. Alan J. Flushman, adult and child psychiatrist ond pediatrician, offers these insights:

You might imagine your 14ear-old as living simultaneously in three positions in a tug of war. One side is pulling towards further development, one side is pulling backwards. And at the center the child is feeling an uncomfortable lack of balance. Young teenagers travel between these three positions, but find it hard to be aware of more than one al any given

The massive impact of witnessing girls their own age being gunned down defensetessly will increase dramatically the intensity of each of the pulls, and make the center especially wobbly. You might be well advised to ask yourself during any conversation or fragment thereof, "From which position is my child speaking?" Then you can address each posi-

For example, the position of developmental progress may speak in a definitive and seemingly adult manner. A child may be taking an extreme and unquestioning stance, perhaps restating positions he or she has heard from the adult political or religious spectrum of opinion. Your daughter may be experiencing and giving

expression to a fearlessness that you may find chilling. At the time, it may be more important to respect the child's feeling of certainty and to appreciate just how important some clarity is for her at the present time.

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At the other side, developmental regression may speak in the voice of profound fear and uncertainty. Or, more likely, you may find the child struggling desperately not to allow herself to experience helplessness. Young teenagers are often very frightened by being frightened. They feel that their recently acquired independence is 100 shaky to tolerate a feeting of need and dependence that they fear pulls them backwards to childishness.

Here it may be most belpful to encourage permission to experience deep fear and helplessness temporarily. You can help your daughter to let herself feel very shaken, and stay with her while you express your confidence that her growth towards independence can tolerate these feelings.

At the center, the feeling of how the child defines herself may seem most welcome and easy to communicate with, during the fleeting or more prolonged moments when it is dominant. Your daughter may be able to express a sense of confusion within herself, feeling herself at the center of contradictory pulls. You may feel her more of a partner in the conversation.

If you imagine the child standing on a narrow platform from which she is feeling pulled, you could picture your role as helping and space. By space I mean help-



By talking to children abont the Naharayim shootings, parents can prevent tragedy from becoming trauma. (AP)

her broaden her base, giving her more room to place her feet for a more steady balance, with some room to sway to either side without toppling over. You can help her expand this base both in time

of opinion or feeling was spoken about by her friends? How is each one different?

With regard to time, I want to raise two things. First, bow has she noticed that her own responses have already fluctuated over time? And second, some help in expanding towards the future - that feelings and thoughts grow and change over time.

This is best expressed by engaging in a continuous conversation over weeks and months, returning to the point in order to observe together how things have been changing. I think young teenagers appreciate some help in realizing that response to extreme feelings is not "settled" so qnickly or definitively, and that they have time to broaden their repertoire of feelings and thoughts.

Let me summarize. Young teenagers are a highly inconsistent bunch. Parents have an intuitive appreciation that they are often speaking to different sides of their child while the child does not realize this.

l am encouraging you to rely on this healthy intuition especially when helping your child to relate to last week's horrible events. Growing up involves facing the tragic side of life as well. Tragedy becomes trauma when a child feels overwheimed by feelings and adjusts and restricts her personality to one side or another, with a feeling that she has fallen off her own base. You can help your child face tragedy and avoid trauma by responding flexibly to her fluctuating sides while keeping the con-

ing her to be thoughtful about a range of possible feelings and thoughts in addition to the ones

she has noted. It is often easiest to elicit such expansions by asking about her friends. For example, what range

No nonsense baby talk to handling packages of information

language. Predictably, perhaps, recent research suggests that language development relies on a combination of both genetic and environmental factors. The mastery of grammar, syntax and vocabulary is fostered by listening to parents and others (or, in the case of the deaf, seeing people use sign language), especially during the first year or two of life.

At the same time, the brain is so exquisitely predisposed to language

"Infants just eight months old

can distinguish between real

about 1.2 seconds long, Petitto has found, and parents respond to this predisposition by spending almost exactly that amount of time on indi-vidual words ("Hel-looo!") or repeated syllables ("ba ba ba ba!") when speaking to infants. As children age, their brains gain the ability to handle longer strings of information - pairs of words, short phrases and eventually entire sentences and parents accommodate by offering up longer and more-complex. phrases A baby's brain is also biological-

ly programmed to respond most strongly to undulating pitches,

which may explain why parents end up talking to their children in

the classic sing-song tones of baby

do to make an impression on their

baby's brain, Petitto said. For

studies suggest the process begins

In one study of infants just two

measured how actively French

infants sucked on a nipple while they

listened to people speaking French,

as compared to how actively they

sucked when they listened to people

even before birth.

speaking Russian.

two-day-olds sucked more vigorously while listening to French than while listening to Russian, suggesting they were already more familiar with the general sounds of French. At six months, most babies are starting to vocalize nascent syllables, like ba ba and da da, Soon after, they start playing with permutations of those sounds in that joyful stage of linguistic advancement known as babbling.

By the time children reach their

"By the second or third year, children are learning a new

learn the meanings of words doesn't mean he will be quick to speak. Recent studies by Yale child psy-

chologist J. Steven Reznick and University of Colorado co-workers Robin Corley and JoAnn Robinson indicate that, on average, toddlers typically understand 10 times the number of words they actually speak. That is, if you ask them "Where is your ear?" they will point to their ear, indicating they under-stand the meaning of the word "ear." But if you ask them "What's this?" while pointing to your ear, many will not reply by saying "ear." They com-

prehend more than they can say." But the ratio of comprehension to speech varies dramatically from child to child. And happily for parents of quiet babies, studies show that a child's degree of talkativeness

is neither a reflection of a child's

level of understanding nor a good

predictor of future intelligence. By

contrast, word comprehension (the

number of words a child under-

stands) does appear to correlate with

intelligence later in life.

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don't know that "mares eat oats" or CALLY that infants just eight months old can correct these days means first signified distinguish between real words and ing a child and then marrying its

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dley divey too, wouldn't you?" So goes the old song, a wordplay on the dietary preferences of horses, deer, Infants and toddlers, of course,

"lambs cat ivy," so they can't recognize the hidden words in this seemingly nonsensical string of sounds. Or can they? Researchers recently came to the surprising conclusion nonsense syllables, even before they know what the words really mean. Some studies suggest that babies start mning into language much ear-

lier than that, perhaps while they are

THE PRESTIGE of Jerusalem's King David Hotel suffered a serious blow after former US secreof state Warren Christopher changed his Israeli home-away-from-home address from the King David to the Laromme. Even though the King David continues to be a VIP

it s all about."

born in July. Now, it seems that budding politician Yuval Rabin, wbo got married earlier this month, is also an expectant father. His wife, Tali, is reportedly in her fourth month.

Wrinkle-free

Melanie Griffith

IT'S THE nicest kind of mid-life crisis. Former James Bond Timothy Dalton, 50, is anticipating first-time fatherhood in August. The mother is fashion model, Oxana Gregoryeva, his much younger live-in companion.

mother. When Binyamin and

Sara Netanyahu got married in

March 1991, she was already pregnant with Yair, who was

charge d'affaires at the Embassy

of Yugoslavia, with his command

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of another difficult language.

LOVELY Victoria THE Principal, best known for her role in Dallas, has a professional as well as a personal relationship with her husband, well-known plastic surgeon Dr. Harry Glazman. Principal has a line of her own brand-name cosmetics which Glazman recommends to his patients.

AND TALKING of plastic surgery, if Melanie Griffith gives the impression that she's had a face lift, the reason for the change in her appearance can be attributed to the collagen treatment she's received to fill in the wrinkles around her eyes.

still in the womo Recent studies also suggest that although parents can increase their baby's understanding of language by talking to them a lot, there is little they can do to make their child talk more. Talkativeness, it turns out, has more to do with a baby's genes than

with the amount of time spent listening to one's parents. These are just a few of the discovcries that are increasing researchers' appreciation for that most profound of baby talents, the ability to master

the complexities of language. 'Even in the first few months, in what parents may assume to be innocent verbal play or verbal volleyball, the child is learning conversational patterns of language," said Laura-Ann Petitto, a neuropsychologist at McGill University in Montreal who studies language development in children. "It's an extraordinary feat." How do children do it? For decades, linguists have fought over the question of whether language unfolds automatically, the result of an inbom genetic program, or is a learned response to the incessant cooing and jabbering of parents. The question is not just academic. Parents want to know if there is

anything they can do to improve their children's future facility with

words and nonsense syllables, even before they know what the

words mean."

that words come forth almost spon-taneously in children raised under normal conditions.

That means parents may indeed help their children understand language by reading to them and encouraging wordplay. It also means that parents can relax with the knowledge that for most children, language happens naturally.

What goes on in babies' prelinguistic minds remains largely a mystery, but pieces of the puzzle are coming together. Petitto's studies with children (some deaf, some hearing) and with chimpanzees (including Nim Chimpsky, named for the famous linguist Noam Chomsky) suggest that a newborn's brain is primed to notice precisely the kinds of rhythms typically found in languages.

A newborn's brain is predisposed

Through a combination of instinct and trial and error, parents quickly figure out what they must

word every 90 minutes."

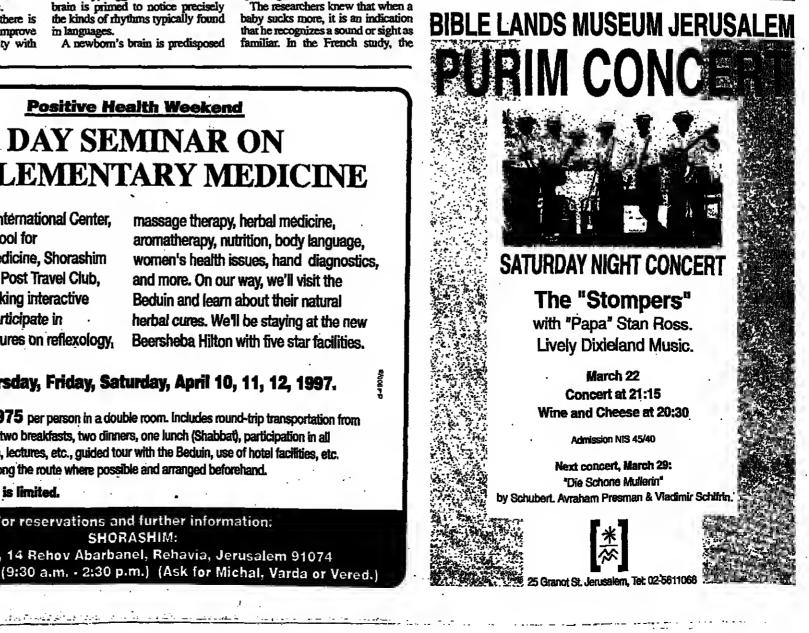
example, parents will say "That's a ball ... look at the ball," with a first birthday, they have begun to understand the meanings of some falling and rising tone on the word "ball." "The reason the child pays words. Soon after, they utter their first real pronouncements, starting with simple names for objects like attention in the first place is because a mechanism in the brain makes the falling and rising pattern very salient," Petitto said. "The "bottle," "doll" and "mommy" and "daddy." Then come the two-word combinations ("I poop," "car gone"), a rapid mastery of basic sing-song and verbal back and forth in early months make a magnificent contribution to your child's grammar and a meteoric rise in learning language." The rapidity with which babies vocabulary.

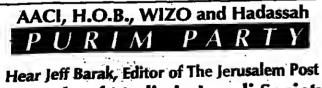
By the second or third year, they learn the basics of language leaves are learning an astonishing 10 to 12 even the experts marveling. Some words a day. That's a new word every 90 minutes or so of wakeful existence, for a total of about 13,000 words by age six and 60,000 words days old, for example, researchers by age 18.

Linguistic progress varies tremen-dously among babies, however, and just because an infant is quick to

Reznick and his colleagues came to those conclusions by studying 200 identical twins and 200 fraternal (non-identical) twins. If talkativeness levels were determined by outside environmental influences (a gossipy parent, for example, or nonstop television) then identical twins should be, on average, as talkative as fraternal twins, since they are being raised in the same environment. But the researchers found that identical twins were more likely to be similar in talkativeness than were fratemal twins.

That suggests there is something in the genes, rather than in the family environment, that largely deter-mines how much a baby will talk. (The Washington Post)





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BUSINESS

in brief

Sharansky may hire American attaches

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky is considering employing American citizens to act as commercial attaches in the US. During his current American tour, Sbaransky told a meeting of Israeli attaches that he wants to see more representative offices opening throughout the US, and believes this can be done within the ministry's budget. David Harris

Discount, Uzbekistan open credit line

Israel Discount Bank has signed a credit line agreement with the National Bank for Foreign Economic Activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the first Israeli bank to sign an agreement of this kind.

The five-year agreement is for total export transactions of \$8m.

The credit line is intended to finance the establishment of turkey farms in Uzbekistan. MID, an Israeli company specializing in development of agricultural products, has an agreement with a government-owned Uzbek firm to establish the farms.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Bezeq gets loan at very favorable terms

Bezeg has received a \$150 million, seven-year loan at the interest rate of Libor plus 0.325% from an international consortium of banks, acting company director-general Avi Hochman disclosed yesterday. Libor stands for the London interbank offered rate.

The principal arrangers of the syndicate were the Swiss bank UBS, the German bank Dresdner and the Japanese bank Fuji. Since the loan was oversubscribed, Bezeq decided to raise a larger sum than was originally planned. The extra amount raised will partially offset future capital raising due to be carried out during this year.

The three arrangers and two co-arrangers (including Citibank) have not participated in previous syndications carried out for Bezeq. The telecommunications company was pleased by the long pay-back schedule (the ordinary period is five years) and the attractively low interest rate. Judy Siegel

EU shrugs off euro delay rumors

European Union finance ministers this week endorsed German and French preparations for joining the EU single currency, dis-missing speculation that high German unemployment would force a delay.

The ministers backed French and German programs showing both countries are on target to get their deficit, debt and inflation down to levels required for nations adopting the single currency - the euro.

Ministers also agreed that a new EU body, proposed by France to help coordinate economic policy after the switch to the single currency, will not have decision-making powers. AP

Ford to test ultralight car

Ford Motor Co. said this week that by fall it plans to begin testing prototypes of an ultralight, high-mileage car. What Ford envisions is an aerodynamic family car that weighs just 900 kilo-grams, gets 26 kilometers per liter of diesel fuel and produces only minute amounts of pollution.

Ford and the other Big Three US automakers, General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Corp., are focusing much of their "supercar" research on so-called bybrid propulsion systems, which combine two or more power sources to achieve greater fuel efficiency and less pollution.

Livnat: 2 new cable channel tenders soon

By DAVID HARRIS

Tenders for two new cable television channels, one to be dedicated to Jewish subjects, the other to Russian-language programming. will be issued within the next few weeks, Communications Minister Limor Livnat told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The process for establishing the Russianlanguage and Judaism stations will begin as soon as the proposed telecommunications ers will be met and to guarantee a percentage bill becomes law, which could be within a of the programs are Israeli-made. month.

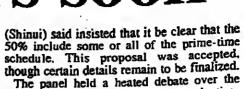
These two channels join an Arabic broadcast service, for which the tender has already been issued, even though many details await the passage of the new law. Channel 2 executives strongly object to the

fact that the new cable stations will be allowed to advertise, believing this will adversely affect Channel 2's revenues.

"They are representing a legitimate com-mercial interest," said Livnat. "But I am representing the public interest." Two important sections of the bill were

amended in the Knesset Economics committee yesterday to ensure the needs of the view-

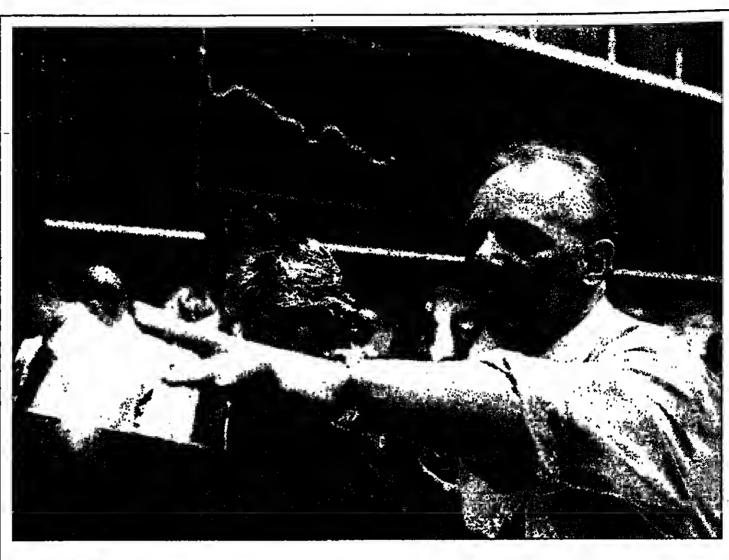
The bill requires at least 50 percent of all programs on the Arabic and Russian stations be broadcast in the appropriate language (Arabic or Russian), but MK Avraham Poraz



issue of domestic versus foreign production, because it is generally cheaper to import material to broadcast than to create original programs. However, MK Ra'anan Cohen (Labor) called for 20% of broadcasts to be produced locally.

"I want to encourage domestic production," said Cohen. "If you purchase everything from abroad you damage local production."

Other MKs, bowever, argued that 20% is an unattainable target and the committee settled for a 10% minimum.



Krupp capers

A trader on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange calls out a bid yesterday as share prices fall amid reports of a huge merger in the German steel sector. The European Commission had no comment yesterday on German industrial giant Krupp's planned takeover of rival

Central bank: Don't raise minimum wage

By DAVID HARRIS

Raising the minimum wage will lead to increased unemployment and higher inflation, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel's new economic adviser, Obad Bar-Efrat, charged

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yesterday. Bar-Efrat's comments follow Monday's compromise under-standing, between the Knesset social lobby and the Treasury, to increase the minimum wage: from 45 percent of the monthly. average wage to 47.5%, rather than the 50% the lobby initially demanded.

While others, led by Finance. Minister Dan Meridor, bave capitulated from their original opposition to any increase, MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz-Shinui) said he will stand firm and vote against raising the minimum wage in its second and third readings.

The central bank maintains: that by increasing wages, employers will be less keen to take on staff in the lowest pay. bracket, and consequently unemployment will rise in the sectorwhich is in the greatest need of employment,

Furthermore, Bar-Efrat said, an increase in pay at this level is bound to bave a chain reaction," whereby others also will demand salary increases. With the general rise in pay, there will be an inevitable general hike in prices, fueling troublesome, higher inflation rates.

The bank's alternative proposal is to reduce the size of the public sector, thus lowering the tax burden, which would lead to larger net wages. This can be achieved in part by ensuring the 1997 budget is adhered to, which. means preventing the budget deficit from rising above the target 2.8% of the gross domestic.

product. Therefore structural changes are very important," Bar-Efrat

sen, but EU sources said the case would probably have to be examined under EU comp

said. "Those in privatization, liberalization and labor producuvity."

Increasing labor costs will lead more employers to look to move their businesses to adjoining countries, following the lead of people such as Doy Lantman, who now produces some \$2 million of goods each month from bis Delta textile factory in Egypt, Poraz said. "If all these factories that can't

pay more, becanse of competition from the third world, are forced to close, it just adds several thousand families to the wave of unemployment," Poraz added.

MK Amnon However, Rubinstein (Meretz), who originally opposed an increase, said he will support the compromise ...

These industries that pay the minimum wage bave no place in Israel, nor should we allow them a place," Rubinstein said. "When we have GNP of some \$17,000 per capita, there are industri we just don't want bere, such as a part of the textile industry and primitive agriculture - neither Israelis nor Arabs want this

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First Int'l seeks to buy small banks

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

First International Bank is exploring the possibility of purchasing smaller banks to be privatized, the bank's general manager, Shlomo Piotrkowsky, said yesterday while presenting the annual results. Net earnings for 1996 increased 10.2 percent to NIS 175.6 million, compared with NIS 159_3m. Net return on equity increased to 9.2% from 8.7%. First International is the first of the five largest commercial banks to publish its 1996 results. The bank decided to distribute an

annual dividend of NIS 100.7m., equivalent to 57.3% of net earnings for 1996. Fourth-quarter net profits increased to NIS 42.3m. compared with NIS 40.3m. in the corresponding period last year. Piotrkowsky said the bank has

asked Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles if there will be any limitations on the bank regarding the pos-

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Eli Yonas, the director representing the South African share-

holders in the Africa Israel hold-

ing company, submitted his resig-

nation yesterday in connection

with the controversy surrounding

operation of the Ramat Aviv mall

At a board of directors meeting

yesterday, headed by controlling

shareholder Lev Leviev, it was decided to instruct management

and its legal advisers to submit a

report on the various aspects of

the agreements Africa Israel has

with various renters in the mall,

which is scheduled to open in the

The board's decision to close

the mail on Shabbat generated an

outcry from the secular public,

and protests from McDonald's

and Israel Theaters, which both

claim their contracts allow them

Six senior managers were

appointed to the company yester-

day as part of a reorganization

to operate on Shabbat.

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sible acquisition of a smaller bank. Among the smaller banks scheduled to be sold as part of the privatization process are Mercantile Discount Bank and Otzar Hahayal.

With regard to certain banks. approvals [to purchase the bank] will be given. The supervisor sees no reason to prevent this, but the opposite," Piotrkowsky said.

First International also has applied to the Supervisor of Banks for permission to purchase shares for one of the bank's accounts and to establish a division to handle it, he said. Commenting on the bank's recent establishment of the Alpha-Card credit card company in partnership with the Aurek, group, which is engaged in the direct insurance field. Piotrkowsky said the bank intends to enter the insurance field in the future but has not discussed entering the market with Aurek. Alpha-Card, which has received a franchise from Visa, is expected to

Yonas quits Africa Israel

plan that will involve the estab-

lishment of six companies, each specializing in a different area.

The new managers will serve

under Africa Israel general man-

The company appointed Zalman Stempler deputy manager in charge of business develop-

ment; Haim Barkan, deputy man-

ager of marketing; and Haim

Leventhal, deputy manager of

engineering and land develop-ment. Meir Nahshon was appoint-

ed general manager of Africa

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and Itamar Deitcher was appoint-

ed manager of the subsidiary Denia Cebus. Attorney Michael

Belkani was appointed company

Since Leviev became the com-

pany's controlling shareholder in

November, several senior man-

agers have resigned, including Shimshon Harel, senior deputy

general manager and No. 2 in the

company, and deputy general

manager Danny Miran, who

served as general manager of

secretary.

ager Avigdor Kaplan.

commence operations later this year. The bank's 1996 earnings were primarily affected by a 9.7% increase in operating and other income to NJS 420.2m. compared with NIS 382.9m. The rise was due to a growth in commission-earning activity, achieved despite a 5% real erosion in commission fees and the recession in the capital market during most of 1996, Piotrkowsky said. Earnings from financing opera-

tions before provisions for doubtful debts grew 1.8% to NIS 739.5m. from NIS 726.6m. The provisions for doubtful debts fell 7.4%.

There was a 5% drop in operating and other expenses, to NIS 733.4m. compared with NIS 698.2m. Salary expenses rose 4.2% to NIS 457.8m.

Total assets reached NIS 32m. at the end of 1996, compared with NIS 19.3b. at the end of 1995.

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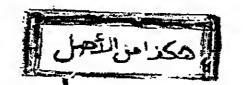
rency linked credit reflecting customers' shift from unlinked shekel financing to foreign currency financing, a shift which could expose certain customers to linkage base risks, Piotrkowsky said. Credit to the construction industry totaled NIS 3.9 billion, below the 20% maximum limit approved by the Bank of Israel. In reaction to increased interest

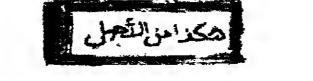
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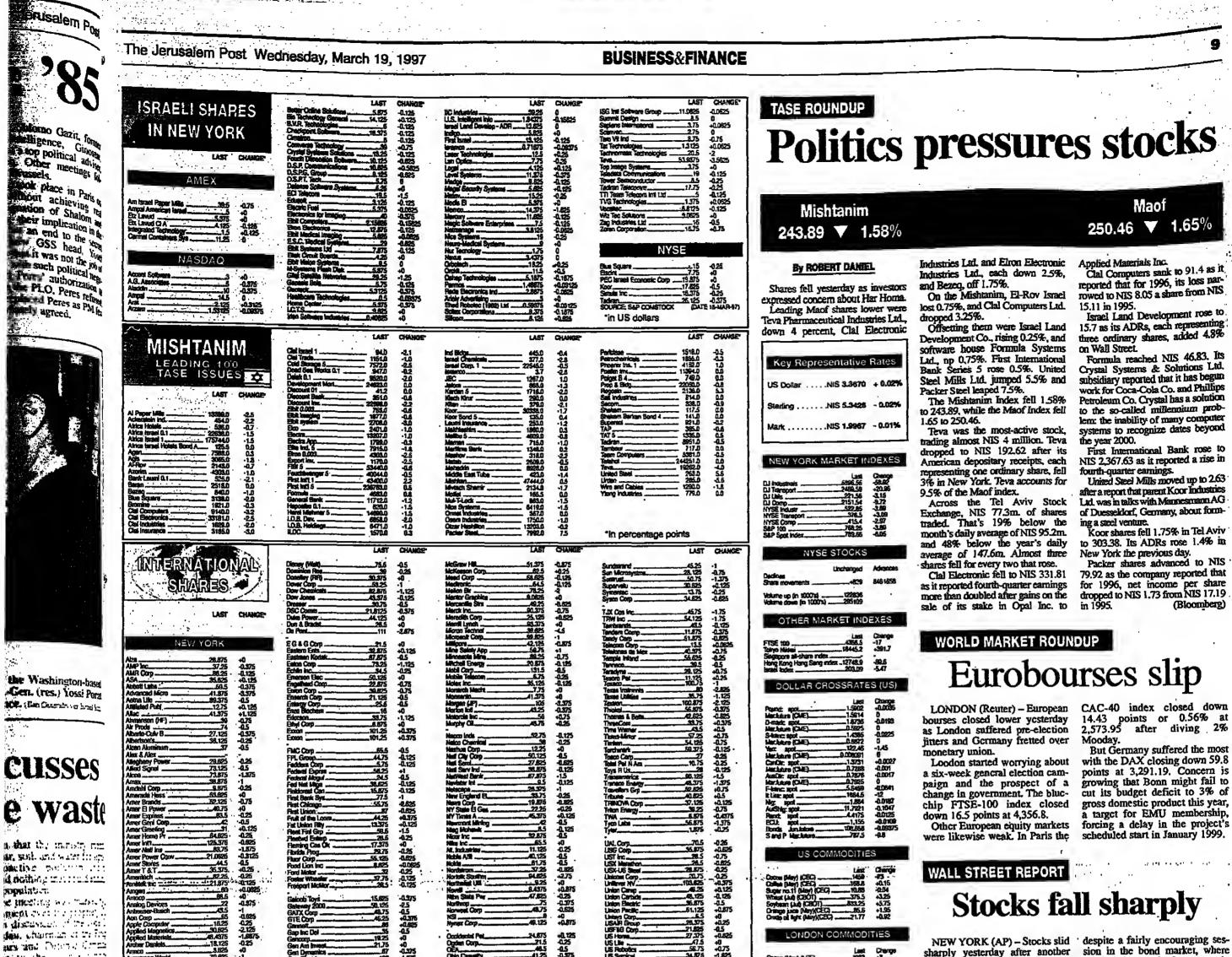
from international rating companies, the bank has prepared a financial report in dollar-adjusted terms as well as in inflation-adjusted terms. Dollar-adjusted net earnings for 1996 reached \$83m. compared with \$63m. in 1995.

Under the bank's profit-sharing scheme, in the next few days a total of NIS 15m will be awarded to over 37 thousand customers as their share in earnings for 1996.

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LONDON (Reuter) - Defending Formula One champion Damon Hill received one of Britain's highest honors yesterday when he was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth IL

Hill follows his late father Graham Hill who also was awarded the OBE in 1968 after winning his second world drivers' championship.

Hill won the world championship in a close battle last season driving for Williams-Renault, but was dropped from the team and eventually signed on with the lightly regarded Arrows-Yamaha team.

Kilnsmann to leave Bayern Munich

MUNICH (AP) - National captain Juergen Klinsmann said Mooday he is leaving the Bayern Munich soccer team at the end of the season.

"I had a talk with Franz Beckenbauer last week," Klinsmann said of the Bayern team president. "I told him that next season I will probably be playing outside Germany. I don't fit in here.' The 32-year-old Klinsmann has publicly criticized the "too defensive" tactics of coach Giovanni Trapattoni and had a long-running feud with captain Lothar Matthaeus.

Mesa faces rape charge

CLEVELAND (AP) - Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Jose Mesa has left spring training to attend a hearing on a rape charge against him.

Mesa, 30, has pleaded innocent to one count of rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition, one count of felonious assault and one count of carrying a concealed weapon. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

Mesa is scheduled for trial March 31, so the Indians don't know whether he will be available for the start of the season April 2 at Oakland. The team is expected to ask the basehall commissioner's office this week for permission to replace Mesa with another pitcher on the 25-man roster while he is on trial.

China on International Rugby Football Board

HONG KONG (AP) - China was formally accepted yesterday as the 76th member of the International Rugby Football Board, the sport's world governing body.

China's admission was welcomed by the board's chairman. Vernoo Pugh, in a ceremony at the Hong Kong Football Club. Meanwhile, a team from the Chinese People's Liberation

Army took on a squad from the British military forces in Hong Kong in the Carlsberg 10s rugby tournameot. The Chinese team from the PLA's Sports Institute in the

southern city of Guangzhou defeated the Royal Highlanders 12-7 in a preliminary match in the two-day tournament.

Drop Atherton, says Illingworth

LONDON (Reuter) - Mike Atherton shoold be axed as England captain for the one-day internationals against Australia this year, according to his former chairman of selectors Ray llingworth.

Illingworth wrote in yesterday's Express newspaper that curreot chairman David Gravency should give less experienced members of the side a chance to lead the side.

"Gravency said he would consult former England captains Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting- both now England selectors – before making a decision on the captaincy in the next few weeks.

Leeds to fine Yeboah two weeks' wages

LEEDS (Reuter) - Ghanaian striker Tony Yeboah will be fined two weeks's pay for ripping off his Leeds United shirt and throwing it at manager George Graham, the Premier Club said vesterday.

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Betar Jerusalem, Mac TA advance to State Cup quarterfinals

By ORI LEWIS

Betar Jerusalem steam-rolled their way into the quarterfinals of soccer's State Cup after a 5-2 victory over Maccabi Herzliya in the round of 16 yesterday.

No less convincing, for a half at least, was Maccabi Tel Aviv's come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Zafririm Holon after they trailed 2-0 at halftime.

Also through from yesterday's matches are Hapoel Beit She'an who reached this stage for the first time after a 3-1 win over Hapoel Jerusalem, Bnei Yehuda who scored a 2-0 extra-time win over Hapoel Haifa, and Hapoel Tel Aviv and Hapoel Beersheba, both of whom needed a penalty shootout to overcome Hapoel and Maccahi Petah Tikva respectively.

The last-16 round continues today when Maccahi Haifa host Second Division leaders Hapoel Ashkelon - the only con-National League team to have made it this far. The final match of the round takes place on March 29 when Hapoel Taiba host Hapoel Kfar Sava.

Bet. Jerusalem 5, Mac. Herzliya 2 Betar began to set their sights on the league and cup double in the fourth minute of the match at Teddy Stadium when Stefan Saloi struck. Eli Ohana then joined in the show, with a hat-trick of goals (51, 58, 68) and Shmulik Levy added the fifth 10 minutes from the eod

Roman Filipchuk (66) and Oleg Neduda

(77) made it a respectable outing for Herzliya, but the visitors never made life difficult for the champions in waiting.

Hap. Beit She'an 3, Hap. Jerusalem 1 a sleepless night, not only as a result of When Beit She'an's Golan Deri had his missing opportunities to score in the 89th penalty saved by Jaroslaw Baku in the third and 118th minutes, but also on missing his minute and then Jerusalem's Asasi Tubi attempt in the penalty shoolout, as headed the visitors into the lead with 21 minutes gone, the game looked to be head-

Beersheba coasted through after a generally IFA to probe flooding of Petah Tikva pitch

The IFA has ordered private investigations firm Modi'in Ezrahi to probe allegations that Hapoel Petab Tikva deliberately flooded their ground ahead of the National League match with Maccabi Herzliya last Saturday. The claim was made yesterday by two "senior soccer officials" who refused to be named.

The two claim they saw the pitch at the Petah Tikva municipal ground drenched on a nevertheless rainy ilay, causing referee Haim Ya'acov to call off the match 45 minutes before kickoff.

Petah Tikva chairman Lior Shahar was incensed by the allegations saying that "only an evil idiot would do such a thing." The somewhat absurd claim is that Petah Tikva, who lie in second place in the league, preferred to play the match in more comfortable weather conditions, and by flooding the pitch; gave the referee no option but to call off Ori Lewis the match.

ing for a Jerusalem victory. But veicran Yehuda Amar equalized three minutes before halftime and then Deri made amends with a headed goal on 63 minotes.

Scrjan Chulakovic made the game safe

for Beit She'an six mioutes later with a

very disappointing match. Zafririm Holon 2, Mac. Tel Aviv 3

Maccahi's hopes of defending the cup and of gaining a place in Europe looked dcad and buried when Viktor Moroz scored his second goal to put the home side clearly ahead after 57 minutes (he hit

Mac. PT 0, Hap. Beersheba 0

(after extra time)

Beersheba won 4-2 on penalties

Maccabi's Ofer Shitrit will no doubt have

the first in the 28th). But Maccabi clawed their way back first through an Avi Nimni penalty following a foul on Haim Hajaj in the 62nd minute. Ofer Mizrahi wasted no time in equalizing. oo 66 minutes, and Oren Zeituni scored an own goal with 11 minutes to go. Hapoel Haifa 0, Bnei Yehuda 2

(after extra time) Buei Yehuda finally broke the deadlock in

the 97th minute at Kiryat Eliezer when Avi-

Tikva pounced for the visitors. That knocked the stuffing out of Haifaand they gave up all hope after Alon. Mizrahi converted a penalty after 115 mini-utes following a foul on Ofer Deri. Haifa also lost Mario Oliviera, who was shown the red card immediately after the penalty; Hap. Tel Aviv 0, Hap. PT 0

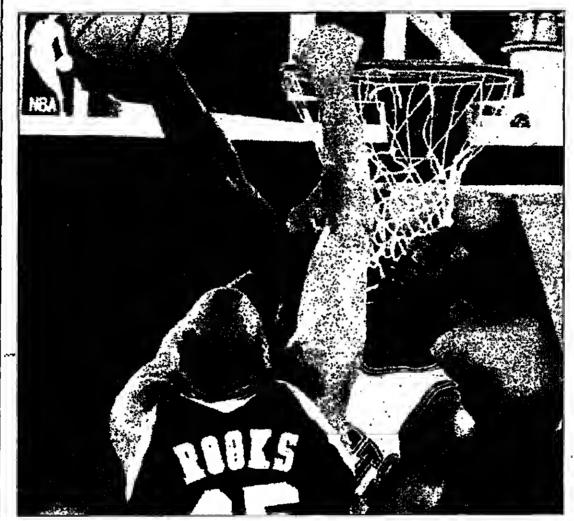
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Tel Aviv won 6-5 on penalties A particularly dull 120 minutes came to

life in the penalty shootout which required. an extra rouod, following a miss each in the mitial five kicks.

Tel Aviv goalkeeper Shavit Elimelech saved twice from the feet of Manor Hassan and Avi Fletcher. Elimelech was the only Tel Aviv player to see his own shot saved by Shai Hess.

Tel Aviv celebrated their first victory under Dror Kashtan, who has yet to lead the team to victory in the league. The hosts'-Nissim Avitan was sent off for a challenge on Benny Kozashvili in the 112th minute.



finely struck goal.

Magpies crash out of **UEFA Cup**

MONTE CARLO (Reuter) - Midfielder Ali Benarbia scored two second half goals as Monaco crushed Newcastle United 3-0 in the home leg of their UEFA Cup quarterfinal yesterday to reach the semifinals 4-0 on

The French league leaders went in front four minutes before halftime when midfielder Sylvain Legwinski robbed the ball from Peter. Beardsley 30 meters out, took three steps and blasted it from the edge of the box past diving goalkeeper Shaka Hislop and just inside his left post. Seven minotes into the second half the busy Benarbia, heir to Belgian Enzo Scifo as Monaco's playmaker, was in the box to volley home a cross from the right by defender Patrick Blondeao.

Benarbia put the tie totally beyond Newcastle's reach in the 67th minute when he curled a brilliant free kick from the left inside the near post after Robert Lee had fouled Brazilian striker Anderson.

Monaco are now just one round from their second European final after playing in the 1993 Cup Winners' Cup final. In other UEFA Cup quarterfinal action last night, it was Brondby 0, Tenerife

2 after extra time: and Inter Milan 2. Andriecht 1.

Porto in bid for upset

LONDON (AP) - Portuguese club Porto are all but out of the Champions Cup. Or are they? Porto were the co-favorite with defending champion Juventus just two weeks ago before being soundly thrashed 4-0 in the first-

"We cannot deny that we are in a crisis," said coach Antonio Oliveira, who now faces a campaign to oust him. "We want to . beat Manchester, but with so many key players unavailable it is going to be very difficult,"

Porto will be without Brazilian.

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being substituted when Leeds were beaten 1-0 at Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.

Yeboah has oot seen eye to cye with Graham since December when he started training again after a cartilage operation which had kept him out for two months.

The Ghanaian, who joined Leeds from Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt for £3.4 million, argued he was fit to play again. Graham disagreed and kept him on the bench.

Figure skating judging could change

LAUSANNE (Reuter) - International Skating Union (ISU) presideot Ottavio Cinquanta said yesterday that changes to figure skating's esoteric judging system could occur before next year's Winter Olympics in Japan.

But he stressed that major changes could only be passed by the hienniel ISU congress, which does not meet until mid-1998. Cinquanta is known to be upset at the confusing result of the men's event at the European championships in Paris in January, which he felt was incomprehensible to the public.

He has already ordered an immediate review of the placing system which determines results in figure skating.

Cinquanta is backed io his desire to set up a more easily understood system by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch. REJECTION - Nuggets' Antonio McDyess blocks a shot by Lakers' Sean Rooks.

Blaylock's defense lifts Hawks

ATLANTA (AP) - The Atlanta while driving up the court with 2.3 fawks rallied from a 10-point seconds remaining. Hawks rallied from a 10-point deficit in the final 48.9 seconds of regulation and beat the Orlando Magic 112-107 in overtime 10 end a three-game losing streak on Monday. Steve Smith scored 38 points and Christian Lacturer added 27

for the Hawks. But it was Mookie Blaylock who came up with the higgest plays of the game on dcfense.

and was fouled by Horace Grant

Blaylock hit both free throws to even the score at 98 and send the game into overtime.

Penny Hardaway, who led the Magic with 35 points, scored the first basket of the extra period, but Blaylock put the Hawks ahead to stay, 101-100, on a 3-pointer. Jazz 114, Hornets 93

Karl Malonc scored 37 points, John Stockton reached the 12,000-Blaylock stole an inbounds pass assist mark as Utah won on the

road

Reds 4-0 and advanced despite Malonc added ninc rebounds losing 5-2 at Old Trafford. and five assists as Utah won for the fourth consecutive time and come at us - without question," ninth in 10 games. said Manchester United manager Stockton, already the NBA's all-Alcx Ferguson.

time leader in assists and steals, had 23 points to go with five assists and two steals.

Monday's results: Boston 126, Milwaukee 117; Utab 114, Charlotte points in just a month. 93: Atlanta 112, Orlando 107 (OT); Cleveland 85, Detroit 82; Washing-ton 109, San Antonio 85; L.A. Lakers 113, Denver 94; Phoenix 116, Golden State 95.

leg quarterfinal at Manchester United.

But there's an upset precedent.

Twenty years ago in the Cup Winners' Cup, Porto downed the

"Obviously, they are going to

Porto are on the skids. Their lead

stop the Portuguese league has

been slashed from 15 to seven

striker Artur de Oliveira, midfield-Nobody expects Porto today to er Rui Barros and rightback Sergo get through to the semifinals, with Conceicao, all suspended. Strikers Manchester United trying to Domingos Oliveira and Antonio become the first English team to Folha are also sidelined with win Europe's most important club injuries. trophy since Liverpool in 1984.

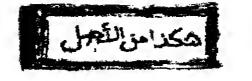
Forward Andy Cole, who scored one of the four at Old Trafford, is Manchester United's only doubt as he tries to recover from a thigh injury.

The survivor from Porto-Manchester United will play either Germany's Dortmund or French side Auxerre in the April 9 firstleg semifinal. In the other, the winner of the Atletico de Madrid-Ajax tie will play either Norway's Rosenborg or defending champion Juventus.

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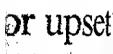
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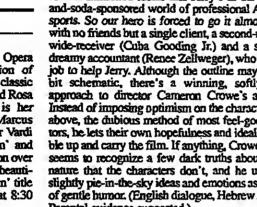
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Wednesday, March 19, 1997 The Jerusalem Post.

IAF chief: Arabs winning arms race Ben-Eliahu says Israel needs space defense

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The arms race is tipping more and more in favor of the Arabs and Israel needs to achieve superiority in space to cover itself on all froms, OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Eliahu said yesterday.

"Just now, during an atmosphere of peace, a situation has been created where the strategic balance with the neighboring states is changing in a worrisome way." Ben-Eliahu told a conference on avionics at the Dan Panorama in Tel Aviv.

He said that some 350-400 surface-to-air missile batteries exist in the Middle East and that Syria has some 800 surface-to-surface missiles. It is estimated that Syria will have some 1,500 such missiles within the next three years.

This figure is much higher than Israeli strategists have previously thought and shows that the Syrians are serious about maintaining a military option, he said.

Ben-Eliahu also said Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Iran all have chemical weapons, and that once the embargo is eased. Iraq will quickly resume its efforts to obtain nuclear weapons.

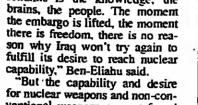
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remains is the knowledge, the brains, the people. The moment the embargo is lifted, the moment there is freedom, there is no reason why Iraq won't try again to

"But the capability and desire for nuclear weapons and non-conventional weapons are not found only in Iraq, they are also found in Iran. We estimate that within four or five years, it will be able to set up a factory that will be able to produce enriched uranium. We three years ... it will be able to put them in missile warheads."

Syria gave up its quest for strategic parity about a decade ago, experts say. Instead, after seeing the effects of Iraqi Scud bombing on Israel, it began heavily investing in surface-to-surface missiles. According to Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies' Middle East Military Balance, Syria has 62 surface-to-surface missiles in service, but Yiftah Shapir, a researcher, has said the Syrians

actually have 200-300 Scuds. Ben-Eliahu said that when the political situation is more relaxed Israel is able to divert more funds into research and development, but that this period has ended.



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indictments will be issued against any of those allegedly involved, and what the ramifications of that would be, should it OCCUI. Channel l reporter Ayala

Hasson's January broadcast alleging that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lleberman, MK Aryeh Deri, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and businessman David Appel among others were all involved in a conspiracy to appoint little-known Jerusalem lawyer Roni Bar-On as attomeygeneral in return for Shas's sup-

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BACKGROUND

By RAINE MARCUS

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tral figures in the Bar-On affair

port for the Hebron redeployment caused a furor and sparked a two-month police investigation in which over 35 people were

awake at night as the investigaquestioned. tion comes to a close are whether Would the government fall? Were Netanyahu or Lieberman involved in criminal offenses more suited to a third-world dictatorship than an ostensibly emocratic state? Who leaked the information, or disinforma-

tion, to Hasson, and why? The government is not likely to fall as the result of this probe. Although Netanyahu and Lieberman were questioned - the latter more than once - sources said that while offenses were apparently committed, it is doubtful that police have been able to corroborate Hasson's report. Police learned early on who leaked the story. Hasson, who

claimed she had documentation to back her story, was summoned to give evidence. So was Deri's then lawyer, Dan Avi-Yitzhak, who had himself wished to become the attorney-general, something Deri resisted, not wanting his top lawyer to abandon his trial in the middle. Avi-Yitzhak then resigned from Deri's case and in a letter to his

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client, cited the MK's alleged involvement in the Bar-On affair as one of the reasons.

Appel, Deri's confidante, was

named by Hasson as the intermediary in the affair, he was also questioned several times. He vehemently denied all involve-ment and filed a NIS 5 million libel suit against Hasson and her superiors, IBA news director Rafik Halabi and director-general Mordechai Kirschenbaum.

Ministers and MKs who opposed the Bar-On appointment were also questioned.

(Hanoch Grizitzky)

Hanegbi, who is suspected of submitting misleading information to the cabinet before it voted on Bar-On's appointment, was questioned for the third time yesterday, and police said that the probe is finally complete. The investigating team will convene with State Attorney Edna Arbel tomorrow with recommendations as to who, if anyone, to indict on breach of trust and other charges.

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In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 10 of spades, ace of hearts, jack of diamonds and seven of clubs. The winning numbers in last night's Lotto drawing were 3, 8, 11, 37, 39, and 47; the supplementary number was 43.

> Cable mishap inquiry slammed

The Winograd Commission, the external panel probing the August 1992 accident in which Gil-Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg, built members of the air force rescue unit;were killed, yesterday severely crittion of the tragedy.

The two soldiers were killed when a cable pulling them up to a heli-? copter snapped during a training -



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The state plans to oppose the early release of embezzler Rami Dotan from prison when the petitions to the High Court of Justice are heard. Dotan, a former brigadier-general and IDF chief procurement officer, was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment and demot-ed to private in 1991, for embezzling over \$10 million from military contracts. The state's decision was made

at a meeting yesterday between the atlorney-general, the state attorney, the IDF judge-advo-

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of the defense ministry and IDF medical corps.

"The state will appear as a respondent and will express the opinion that the decision [to free Dotan from jail} at this stage, after serving half his sentence. should be changed," a statement released after the meeting said. "It is possible under military law [as opposed to civilian law] to free someone after half a sentence instead of two-thirds, but it is not mandatory," the state-

ment said. A military parole board decid-

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cate general and representatives April 21 on grounds of illhealth. The statement issued yester-

day noted the severity of the crimes for which Dotan was convicted and the unusual security and public aspects of the Dotan affair, saying that damage to the country's security and educational considerations had to be weighed against considerations about Dotan's health troubles.

Earlier, President Ezer Weizman took the unusual step of turning to the attorney-general with a request that he petition the High Court on behalf of the

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state against the decision to give Dotan an early release, so that he should serve out his term in jail. "The entire public was shocked by his deeds," Weizman said in a letter to the attorneygeneral.

Weizman noted that there were court precedents for refusing to grant parole on grounds of chronic illness.

Some 60 MKs bad appealed 10 Weizman to intervene in the matter

Yesterday afternoon, Meretz party leader Yossi Sarid and the Мочетепт for Quality Government in Israel presented separate petitions to the High Court against freeing Dotan. Earlier, Amitai, the Citizens for Good Government movement. also petitioned the High Court against the decision.

The criticism came as Maj-Gen (res.) Herzl Bodinger, who commanded the air force at the time and appointed the members of the original investigatory panel, was giving. testimony. Although three separate air force, panels probed the accident, the civil-

ian panel, headed by retired judge Eliahu Winograd, concentrated on the first of them, which submitted its findings in February 1993. The commission members, particularly Winograd and Maj-Gen. (res) Raphael Vardi, wanted to know why the initial panel's draft report, which found several officers responsible for the accident, was submitted to senior air force officers'

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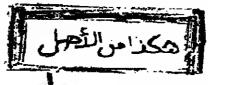
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for their comments. This led to changes in the draft and the final report, submitted to Bodinger, eliminated the officers' responsibility. Bodinger said he did not recall the differences between the final report. and the draft, but said it is common practice to submit reports to senior officers for comment, and this offen leads to changes in the report. (Itim)



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